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Dear Editors:

I wish I could tell you how much I enjoy your magazine! As far back as I can remember our family has been owned by cats, and I am now proud and doting possessor of two beautiful female Seal Point Siamese—Ki Ki Poo and Opium X. Now nearly three years of age, I've had them since they were five weeks old, and they've traveled with me from their home on Cape Cod all through New England down to Florida, and through the Middlewest, finally to settle here with me in Jersey.

I lead a full busy life, but I am alone, and the companionship and pleasure these two friends have given me is, not a rare, but a wonderful thing.

Sincerely

(Miss) Jay Jones

611 Warren Ave.
Spring Lake, New Jersey

TRUE FRIENDS OF CATS

Dear Editors:

Yes, to quote from your renewal note, we are "as busy as can be with all of the ordinary problems of living" plus our twenty-five cats.

Incidentally, we liked the salutation of your note, "Dear Friend of Cats". We enjoy being a friend of cats. In fact, that is how our family grew—taking in cats and kittens to give them a home.

While realizing that it is possible we might be prejudiced (!), we think we have some very beautiful animals. We are happy to add they are a healthy lot too. Some are pedigreed and some are not. They include Domestic Short Hairs, three Seal Point Siamese, two Blue Point Siamese, one Burmese and one Abyssinian. The cats have a pet—a Lhasa dog, who adores them.

Inoculation for gastro-enteritis and neutering are routine procedure, because with the latter we can control the size of the family. We could control it even more if we found it easier to say "No."

For example, this spring a woman unknown to us phoned to say she was leaving the state that night and if she did not find a home for her neutered pet, he would have to be put to sleep. She had worried a great deal about it, and so I said I would phone my husband. When I told him the pet was almost thirteen years old, he immediately said:

"Let's take him." We have been delighted to see how this cat has adjusted to a very new situation after having been born and living all this time at his old home. Of course, we took special precautions with him at first. He has a big frame and is strong and sturdy. In fact, he is a dear old boy and we hope to have him with us at least thirteen years.

It may be of interest to you that when we move, the feline members of the family of course are moved too. They have lived with us in Albuquerque, Seattle, Tucson, and now Southern California.

They greatly enjoy their present home in the mountains where they have a large fenced terrace and fenced hillside lot. To be sure, the more adventurous of them climb the 7-foot fence and explore nearby, but we do not worry much because our house is the last on a side road and there is very little automobile traffic. We commute some distance to our jobs in order that the cats may have the safest possible home that we can provide.

To all animal lovers and particularly friends of cats, our special greetings and good wishes.

To CATS Magazine our very good wishes for a magazine which we find most interesting.

Sincerely,

Frances & David Tweet

Box 127
Topango, Calif.

83 YEARS OF SERVICE

Kind Friends:

It was kind of "someone" to send you the message regarding my work for homeless felines, I do not know who it was. Also, it was very kind of you to place it in your magazine. About six one dollar bills came in to aid in this work for which I am deeply grateful.

"The 'half' has never been told," for our feline population has outgrown itself and all because of heartless human beings who take a tiny cunning kitten into their homes strictly for their own amusement—then—when they are tired of this—they discover "It" is a female and soon they will be bothered with its young. So they take 'her' with them in their car and drive to some remote spot and toss the poor little creature out to die a torturous death or be crushed on the highway or run wild and bring her babies into the world to add more and more to the feline population.

Others keep her through motherhood out of "curiosity," then hand the babies out to children, as they pass, to torture to death or be dropped in some alley to suffer and die. My 25 years of service in this field have enlightened me deeply regarding this "cat problem" and education and birth control are the answer. Male cats should not be permitted their freedom unless castrated. People who do truly love cats take a cunning little male kitten into their homes, then when mating time comes, he answers Nature's call and off he goes to find a mate. He marches bravely on and on until he is bewildered and lost, whereas, had he been castrated at six or eight months, they

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COVER

Our thanks this month go to the Rodney Nimmos of Hollywood 28, California, who granted us their kind permission to use for our cover this typical cat family Christmas scene which appeared last year on their own personally designed Christmas cards.

would not have lost their beloved pet. Such an operation is not cruel, but a life-saver, in more ways than one.

Again, there are those who practice the "putting to sleep" program. This I will not do, unless there is great suffering from an incurable disease or some irreparable injury. Even those have been handled successfully by the writer. One case stands out as supreme, a beautiful blue 'Maltese' male cat was found by a tender hearted person who brought him to me. He had been struck by a car some days before, and had been dragging his poor injured body with his front legs until his fur and much skin was gone from his belly and the inside of his hind legs, but the intelligence and courage which he had manifested touched my heart and his beautiful but pleading eyes asked for "help, not death." This first he received and today is perfectly well and happy and his body is perfect as his Maker intended. We named him Francis because I firmly believe St. Francis guided and protected him as he struggled to live. Sentimental? Perhaps, but it is based on love and the life which is expressed in an animal is from the *Same Source* as our own and I respect it very deeply and those who advocate slaughter to lend them the easy way instead of the scientific need to give the subject some prayerful thought.

I now have an organization to which I am leaving my two acres and buildings with the understanding the work is to be carried on when I am no longer here in the flesh. We are now a recognized charity under the name "The Maude Erwin Foundation for Cats" and I do hope and pray that the foundation which I have worked so hard to build will attract real helpers now and in the future. The food alone calls for around \$500 a month which some insist is "a waste", but to my mind, "I am being about My Father's business" and to see the satisfied peace-filled creatures enjoying life as their Creator intended, is my reward and assurance.

I have substantial shelters and large play yards where they scamper and play or bask in the sunshine or shade as they wish. "Aristocrats" and very plain min-

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CONSIDER THE CAT

by David Curtis

In the unrecorded dawn of civilization, some primitive man with unusual insight discovered that mice and rats would not disturb his meagre store of grain if he kept a cat around. A brilliant stroke of logic told him that training cats was tantamount to a valuable protective measure, and while he could have had no concept of an insurance policy, the domesticated cat in that post-paleolithic world is as symbolic to the beginning of civilization as a multi-structured insurance company may be to our present society. And, mainly because the cat has been so long and continuously a familiar part of civilization, an entire folklore and mythology, with sayings and symbols have grown up around the cat. In ancient Egypt, as the society grew more complicated, the value of the domestic cat became so obvious that she was revered as a sacred object. Death was the penalty for killing a cat. In the Egyptian religion, the cat became identified with Isis, the goddess of motherhood and fertility. Perhaps, it was because both women and cats were home subjects that early man made the cat a feminine symbol. Later, when the cat was less venerated, in societies which were almost antipathetic toward her, she continually remained a part of feminine lore.

When black became the Christian color for mourning, black cats were singled out as a sort of death symbol. To the superstitious man, who believed that witches could take the form of cats in order to wander around at night, it is easy to see how the black cat became an object of superstition, still echoed in today's folklore. Even now some people turn back whenever a black cat crosses their paths, but these are the type who spend the day in bed on Friday the Thirteenth or would never walk under a ladder. Meeting a black cat is one thing, while owning a black cat is supposed to bring the household good luck.

It is curious that Eastern religions tolerate a certain respect for the cat, whereas Western religions in the heritage from Medieval man have never fully accepted the cat. Yet, we have ascribed some religious symbols to her. In our folklore, she has nine lives - an idea so widely accepted that few of us any longer recognize it as a basically religious concept. Nine has always been a mystic number, but the "Trinity times three" is more meaningful in Christian folklore than in other mythologies. Seven is also mystic, but nine lives were ascribed to the cat, and not seven. The strange and obscure beginning for this

choice of nine is also found in Medieval man's superstitious fear of witchcraft. In the process of exhorting devils, the "person possessed" was beaten with a whip of nine knotted thongs. During the Middle Ages in France, the word "castigate" was "chatier" (chastize) and sounded very much like the French word for cat. Anyone who lived through this beating of nine whips was not only supposed to be morally purified, but also to have been endowed with new life. Devils were not supposed to be able to withstand the whip, since it was based on the "Trinity of three Trinities". The fact that the victim survived was always attributed to the mystic qualities of nine. In the confusion with the verb "chatier" and the word for cat, her name was attributed to the whip, as "cat o' nine tails" while the mystic nine was lent to the cat's lives.

Of course, in a superstitious society which could not explain the cat's ability to land on her feet from a fall, or with people who looked suspiciously on her tenacity for survival in the hardships of a reviled life, it would seem that the cat did, indeed, have nine lives. By the time of the Renaissance, when the cat was back in good graces, her nine lives had become an accepted concept without question. Shakespeare refers to them in *Romeo and Juliet* when Mercutio challenges Tybalt to a duel. "What wouldst thou have of me?" Tybalt asks. "Good king of cats, nothing but one of your nine lives!" comes the demand. Still later, the idea has been expressed somewhat differently. It was said, although the cat has nine lives, she may be killed with kindness.

We know all of the obvious proverbs and folk sayings for the cat. "A cat can look at a king," refers clearly to her sense of equality. In its earliest form this saying did not have its present-day feeling of democracy. It used to mean that a common man had about as much right as a cat: he could "look at a king". Now, it tends to chide anyone who puts on airs; after all, is it not true that a cat can look at a king? In another familiar expression: "When the cat's away, the mice will play," we see the cat in her role of authority. The French, in the same proverb, say "the mice will dance," while the Germans add, "the mice will dance on the table." These saying survive and are timeless because they fit the many roles a cat can reasonably assume. She is aloof and looks disdainfully at kings. In ascendancy, she is a terror to anything less than herself. Her classic attitude of independence gives rise to a Portuguese saying, "The man bids the cat, but the cat bids its tail."

Some expressions have changed. "Sick as a dog," was once widely circulated as: "Sick as cats from eating rats". In England, getting drunk is still called



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"catting", which echoes both the idea we know as "alley-catting around all night" as well as this old expression no longer in use. People who imbibed too much once seemed like over-indulgent cats, although it is difficult to understand why since cats are notoriously sane toward their own well-being.

Jonathan Swift gave us the expression "raining cats and dogs." In his early poem, "Description of a City Shower" written while he was Dean of Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, he depicts a torrent sweeping through the streets as carrying

Drowned puppies, stinking *sprats
all drenched in mud, Dead cats
and turnip tops, come tumbling
down the flood.

Later, after *Gulliver's Travels* in "Polite Conversation" he turns this idea into his original metaphor: "I know Sir John will go, though he was sure it would rain cats and dogs."

Swift's metaphor is good in structure because it uses the familiar in a new way. It seems old to us, now, and we may object to the effect, but it will always be vividly descriptive. Folk sayings, proverbs, expressions and metaphors grow up around subjects that endure. Before man ate from a plate or put a lean-to on his cave, he was sharing his lot with the cat. Perhaps in the dawn of history, they sat together in the semi-darkness on opposite sides of the fire, snarling suspiciously at one another. But as man grew more and more civilized, the cat kept pace with him. Man has carefully recorded his history with many references to the cat. The cat is wiser and ignores history. She simply sits and views the foolishness of man with calmer reflection than that of her far-off ancestor, who wandered in so long ago to share the fire and drive away the rats.

*"sprats" refers to a form of mackerel.

Mr. Curtis will be remembered for his previous articles discussing Shakespeare and the cat, and Lewis Carroll's Cheshire Cat. Another of his studies of the cat will appear in an early issue.

FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

Collected by ANNE METCALF

ADDRESSED TO A WILLFUL KITTEN

Cat, do you think the *table's* quite the place
From which to spy out moles beneath the hedge?
That cloth, my reckless Sir, is heirloom lace—
Lares! preserve me: almost on the *edge*—
Great-great Grandmother's copper lustre bowl!
(Of which your humble servant's but trustee.)
Would it be possible to play some role
Other than that of monkey? I agree
Your antic leaps from dresser to the curtain
Are—well, a reasonable facsimile!
But *this* is much too much: you may be certain
One more such cat-titude, and your nine lives
Will naught avail you — though your guile contrives
To make you look more innocent than a doe—
Make no mistake, you mischief, I'll dispatch you,
That is, of course, provided that I *catch* you!
To kitten paradise your ghost shall go:
There, with your wild mustachios
Curled pridefully about your nose,
Your tilted halo worn with an air,
You'll be the cunningest angel there!

—Marion Doyle

In the matter of animals I love only cats, but I love them unreasonably for their qualities and in spite of their numerous faults.

Joris Karl Huysmans

VIGIL

Little gray goddess with jewel eyes,
Grave little priestess of our fires of home,
What mystic heritage has made you wise?
From what long cycles has your knowledge come?
We have no need of language which is frail;
Contentment flows between us, clear as speech.
Patience and self-containment cannot fail
While I am here to learn, and you to teach.
Draw closer, little friend. The night is cold;
The white storm rushes by; the green log sings.
The hour is still and late; the year is old;
And we are close to elemental things.
Snow, fire and night. These three, time out of mind,
These, and the ancient crying of the wind.

Silence Buck Bellows, from *SOPHISTI-CATS*,
by Lynn Hamilton
Contributed by Guy Bogart

the animals find the humans just as strange and silly looking as the humans find the animals but they cannot say so and the fact that they cannot say so makes them quite angry the leopard told me that was the one thing that made the wild cat wild . . . archy, from at the zoo, the lives and times of archy and mehitabel, by don marquis

THE FORAGER

He slinks along the wind-dry street,
With ears alert for moving cars,
His greenish eyes search-lighting lawns
For bugs, for food of any sort.
And then he stops—oh, blessed day!
A goldfish pool! He bends fur-face
To meet fur-face and stares — then drinks.
A golden glint snakes through the waves—
A paw darts out—and then a scream,
"Scat, scat, you beast!" In one wild leap,
The cat is gone—a streak of black
Along a dusty, wind-dry street.

—Vivian Robinette

STAR OF MEMORY

To Orangeboy

I
O! did you see the Star
The latest Christmas Eve?
The year before, your golden eyes,
With mine, perceived
Its Light
In gratitude.

II
While I partook of
Bread and Wine
Upon what did you feed?
Where were you . . .

Beloved cat . . .
How did you meet your need?
What longitude?
What latitude?

III
Were you driven from doctor's care,
By mongrel dogs
Into the flood?
And did it shine upon the grave
That sheltered your poor blood?
O! did you see His Star?

—Ruby Cummins Sumpter

SOCIAL AMENITIES

My loving friends endure my Persian cat
And smile with kindly boredom on my pet.
But when their three-year hopeful visits me,
Life balances affection's mingled debt.
When eager little hands yank silken fur,
Benign indulgence with devotion blends
As Puss, exchanging looks with me,
Accepts the nuisance of my human friends.

—Minnie F. Knox

TOM AT THE FISH SHOP

Haddock, halibut, herring and hake.
Give us a bite for catness' sake!
It's more than claws and fur can bear,
To smell that beautiful fish up there.
Whiting, turbot, sole and plaice;
With parsley on his silly face.
Crab and lobster, sprats and bream—
The answer to a tom cat's dream.
I'll miaow at the people who pass this way—

"Owe! Come and buy nice fish today!"
When they see me their hearts will ache—

"Give him a taste for catness' sake!"

—Margaret Watson

CAT PRAYER

Pray God for catnip vernal,
For rivers of milk. And then—
Sleep in the sun eternal—
And fish without end, Amen.

—Virginia E. Beck

LIFE?

She kisses him with ardor.
"And are you really home?"
I miss you so, my darling.
Why must you always roam?"
"Come, let me look upon you."
She follows through the door.
"Both meat and milk await you,
As they've done oft before."
He finds a chair of comfort.
She cuddles at his feet
Upon a tiny footstool.
Her gaze says, "You are sweet."
Her hair is long and silky;
Her eyes are soft and green;
While he is fat and homely
As any cat you've seen.

—Elizabeth Reynolds

SIAMESE

The blue of ancient seas is in your eyes,
Yours is the pride and grace that springs
From fathers bred beneath the Asiatic
skies,
Plaything of princelings and the pet of
kings.
Your days are like a printed page,
Of little happenings wherein I see
The story of your gorgeous heritage,
From those old lands beyond the sea.
Playing beneath my western garden's
trees,
Sometimes a sudden startled pause you
make,
As if you heard slim bamboo rattle in
the breeze,
Caught scent of lotus in a Chinese lake.
When from my radio, solemn, clear
A strain of ancient music swells,
You lift your head and listening seem to
hear,
The muted melody of temple bells.
These, and the proud poise of your head,
The lordly air you have with me,
Show that though long centuries have
sped,
The blood remembers royalty.

—Edith Letts Dunn

CHRISTMAS FOR A LIFETIME

A Story about an Icelandic Cat

by

Gretchen Butrick

Christmas 1948 in Reykjavik was stormy. Huge fluffy snowflakes of every shape whirled in all directions, straight up, straight up and at all angles. It was fantastically beautiful. On such a day Billy came into my life. He was a Christmas gift from an Icelander to my two young teenagers, and a gift destined as well to other Christmases. He was to be the fifth personality in our family of four individuals.

I have always been fond of cats but when we became the owner of this beautiful little white kitten, I fell in love with him, as might be expected. In no time at all he became the "honorable front of the house." His diet being plentiful, with rich vitamin-packed Icelandic cod and other fish, his hair of medium length became thick and full in the blustery Icelandic winter. And as his confidence in his position grew, he also grew in independence. Sometimes I noticed a wistful look on his face as he watched through the window the outside world he had never known. So from a pair of old discarded gold leather evening slippers, I made a collar for Billy, and not without qualms, gave him his entire freedom.

He was quite cautious at first, but with the asserting confidence which characterized him, he was soon a popular member of the local feline community. The months drifted by. In May the days were almost of normal length and the sun of high actinic content was beating on the damp earth giving it a rich odor of life. June came and there was now no night. Carefully nursed seedlings, enticed by the long sunny days, burst into bloom. My neighbor, indefatigable in guarding her reputation as a prize winning gardener, spent more and more time with her pansies, which were large and gorgeous. But as their beauty fascinated her, so their graceful bending in the breeze fascinated Billy and one day he descended on them in full force and had a riotous time playing with them. But the damage, even though innocently done, was there. I could not but think of Peter Rabbit and Mr. McGregor, only in this case, Mrs. McGregor brought her complaint to me instead of to the culprit. My neighbor was furious. I readily understood her anger for it requires considerable coaxing and split-second timing to grow flowers in Iceland. "The cat" (which was the way my husband referred to him under provocation) was threatened with extinction if the sabotage were repeated. I explained to her

that we had been transferred to Washington and would be leaving in about five weeks and said I hoped that any time she saw Billy in her yard she would just toss a small stone at him. In the meantime, I would do everything possible to prevent him from going into her yard. She half-heartedly promised. Billy had had his outing with the pansies and apparently it sufficed. We had no more trouble. All too soon it was time to leave Iceland where we had been so happy.

My big problem was how to take Billy to Washington. I decided the best way would be to carry him in a pet tote, which is a small satchel with screening made especially for cat travelers. Our plans were to go to Washington by way of New York, flying the first long lap. Billy took the trip in stride, went for a stroll at Gander and dropped down on McArthur field none the worse for his high flying. After two hours on the bus, we were at the Waldorf-Astoria, a hostelry which seemed to have a cosmopolitan enough outlook to consider a couple with two lively teenagers and a handsome Icelandic cat just another part of the daily routine. Billy cavorted up and down the halls of our floor with complete abandon, much to the amusement of fellow guests, who took the performance with friendly sangfroid. I wish I could remember the name of the lady at the floor desk. She was always saying interesting and entertaining things and in no time at all she knew Billy's history. The day we left for Washington, she called out as we entered the elevator, "everybody look, beautiful Icelandic cat going down." And he was beautiful. Built somewhat like a rabbit, his hind legs were appreciably longer than his front legs. His hair, entirely white, was silky with an inner fluff. His head was well formed and his face expressive. His jowls were unusually heavy, his eyes an amber yellow and his mouth thin lined and bent down so that at times, when he stood on his hind legs, he really looked like a rabbit.

After life in Reykjavik, Washington was all strange to Billy. In Iceland there were only a very few dogs to bother cats. Also there were very few trees for refuge in case a dog did bother a cat. So again Billy had to adjust himself to another world, but his personality and intriguing little ways never seemed to change. I remember one New Year's Day in Washington, when my back was temporarily turned, he was onto the table and into the whipped cream of the egg nog. When made to get down, he curled up into his most attractive fluffy ball and purred so loudly that I could feel no resentment. In fact, I wondered afterwards who enjoyed the eggnog more, Billy or the guests. At least none but Billy purred his appreciation.

In June 1952, we were again on the



Billy and the daughter of the author. This photo (original in color) was taken at Keflavik, Iceland, at 10:00 p.m., August 10, 1949, by the natural light of the midnight sun.

move, this time to Montreal. We traveled by train overnight and Billy seemed not to mind the trip. You see, he had become a nonchalant traveler! As usual, he soon adjusted himself to his surroundings and seemed happy in his new life. But as time went by, he became more and more attached to me. He disliked the maid, he barely tolerated my son and daughter, looked with some favor on my husband but reserved his heart for me. He was disdainful of visitors. Sometimes, when I would be entertaining friends at tea, he would come to the open door, look around, and trudge up the stairs, as if to say, "so far as I am concerned, you can all go jump in the lake." But he liked Montreal. He had his own window opening, came and went as he pleased. He enjoyed the cooler summers. If he went out at night, he was usually back by three in the morning for a snack and a plump on the foot of my bed.

How I would like to give this account of Billy a happy ending but unfortunately, I truthfully cannot. One spring night he went out and never returned. We searched, advertised, and notified the S. P. C. A. but never found a trace of him. It was April 16, 1953. After a bright, sunny morning in Montreal, a terrific blizzard came up in the late afternoon. It lasted only a short time into the night but you could hardly see anything and motorists were having many difficulties on the hilly streets. I think Billy may have been struck by a car, and if so, he died instantly. I hope.

My poor Billy! You gave me so much pleasure. I shall always think of you as a personality, not as a dumb animal as do the uninformed. You gave me Christmas for a lifetime; your lifetime, and also mine. And if we have eggnog this New Year's Day, I shall smile over our little secret of another New Year's Day, when you were so young and we were so happy together.

The author is the wife of the American Consul General at Montreal, former Director General of the Foreign Service and Minister of the United States to Iceland.

TIPS TO THE NOVICE FROM A NOVICE

Care of Kittens after Weaning—Part II

by Blanche Wolfram

The most important and critical time of a cat's life comes right after weaning. This is the time that the success of having a beautiful cat is dependent on you. Nature will do all in her power to see that the kitten grows into adulthood, but many things will happen to prevent this. If you take good care of the kitten at this time, you will realize your ambition of raising it to become all that you wish. Taking good care of the kitten is relatively simple and you will also find it to be a pleasure.

In the November issue of *Cats Magazine* we gave you part one of *Care of Kittens After Weaning*. Since the entire article was very long it had, of necessity, to be broken into two parts. In the first part we discussed the necessary diet, sanitary pan, various worm conditions and Infectious Gastro-Enteritis. We shall now continue on from that point.

Grooming

Another subject that deals with the Care of Kittens After Weaning is that of caring for their physical appearance, especially that of the fur. This is known as grooming. Many people do not think that grooming is a necessary element of care where kittens are concerned and thus wait until the cat is quite old before taking a comb to its fur. This should not be the case. It is wise to get your kitten used to the comb while very young. In this way, it will be easily accustomed to its slight pulling and readily learn to love and want its grooming. Every day run a comb lightly through the coat. Do not allow any knots to gather for the usual result is the unwanted removal of hair. If a knot should be encountered, do not try to pull it out with the comb, rather, take a small pair of scissors, and, starting close to the skin, cut in an outward direction along the length of the fur, gently separating the entangled fur with your fingers. You can then use the comb for it will not be so hard on the skin. If the knot should be a large one, do the cutting in separate stages until all the fur is free. Never cut crosswise for this will leave large gaps in the fur causing what is known as cats' steps in hair cutting.

The use of a comb is to be desired over a brush for the latter will tend to remove too much hair. However, during a shedding period the brush is good for then you are after the removal of all loose hair and the brush will accomplish this more readily than will a comb. A good brush is one that has fine metal bristles. The comb should be a good metal comb with two sizes of teeth; six inches in length and with teeth about one and one-quarter inches long. This description is, of course, for Longhair cats; Shorthairs should have smaller combs with teeth much closer together.

While you are grooming your kitten you will want to do some other small necessities such as removing any excess

dirt from the corner of the eyes and the pockets of the ears. Sometimes fur may get lodged on the eye itself; this can be removed by taking a piece of moistened cotton, and, holding the eyelids open, wiping it away. Examine the ears to see that they are clean and at least once a week take some baby oil and a Q-tip and gently clean the ears. This will remove the dirt and wax and help prevent the kitten from getting the external parasites known as ear-mites. After the ears have been cleaned, take a pinch of boric powder between your fingers and place it in each ear. By using a small amount of breath, blow into the ear causing the powder to spread.

Bathing

Another essential part of grooming is the bath. Again, many people prefer to wait until a cat is quite mature until it receives its first bath. This should not be, for a kitten can be bathed and it is good that they receive baths when necessary for in this way they will become accustomed to them and this early training is vital. A longhair cat will have to experience many washings, especially of its tail, so it is good that they learn early in life to splash away at the suds and to make the water fly. A good quality of mild soap and warm water with a warm rinse is all that is required.

When washing the kitten, first submerge the rear part into the warm sudsy water and slowly lower the front portion having the water just deep enough to cover half of the kitten. Hold the kitten by the front paws so that it will feel secure and allow it to stand on its hind legs. If this is done from the very first the bath will be an easier process. Be sure no soap gets into the eyes of the kitten and also try not to let any water enter the ears.

But the most important part of the bath besides getting the kitten clean and where the health of the cat is concerned is that a thorough drying job be done when the bath is completed. This must be done as quickly as possible so as to prevent any chance of chilling. Soft bath towels can be used to remove excessive water and the finished drying can be done either by using a hair dryer or by placing the kit before a fire or in a warm place. Just make sure that it gets dry and as soon as possible. Powder such as Johnson's baby powder sprinkled on the fur also serves as a finishing drying agent. When bathing your kitten in winter make sure that the room in which you bathe it is warm as well as the place in which you place it to dry. By following these suggestions you can always have a clean kitten in your home.

Playthings

As anyone who has a kitten knows, one of the greatest pleasures of having the tiny ball of fur around is watching it at play. And since the kitten has so much fun in playing we naturally want to provide toys for its enjoyment. A note of caution must be entered here on this

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point. Common sense should be used in the selection of toys for your kitten. Never give it any thing that can be swallowed for that accident may happen and then you have trouble on your hands. And never give your kitten cellophane as a toy even though it delights in playing with it for the crinkling noise that it makes. It is harmful first because of its chemical makeup, and if any of the cellophane should be swallowed and get into the stomach, chances are that it will act like a razor blade, cutting the stomach walls to shreds and infection as well as loss of blood will result endangering the life of the kitten.

Many of the toys that can be gotten for a kitten are decorated with various colors of paint. These toys, too, should be kept from your kitten for the lead that is used in paint is very toxic to cats. But since a kitten will play with almost anything that it is given, why not set yourself to the task of making a few toys out of your basket of discarded yarn and cloth. One of the best things to let it play with is a ping pong ball for it is light and makes a good noise when it travels about. Clothespins, paper balls, or anything suspended on a string will give it lots of entertainment. Be sure that you remove the string, however, when you have stopped watching the kitten for it will tend to chew and swallow the string or get it entangled around its neck, thus inviting strangulation. A kitten will love to play with bells suspended so that when they are hit a tinkling noise results. Then, too, the plant catnip can easily be purchased and sewn up in a strong cloth sack for an excellent toy. Even that cardboard box that the groceries came in makes an excellent plaything. By cutting two holes in it at opposite ends, real fun will be provided for the kittens when they play hide-and-seek in and out of the box. These are a few of the many things that can be used as toys for kittens and by using these as examples you will be able to find many other things that will also be safe for your kitten to play with.

Training

Kittens are like children getting into things they shouldn't. Just as children have to be trained to know right from wrong, so do little kittens. When something is done that is wrong reprimand them with a sharp NO, NO! You will find that they will readily learn to know what it means and in all probability won't do the same thing again. However, don't let them do something wrong because it is cute and expect them to know it should not be done when you have guests in the house. This will only confuse them and they won't know what to do. Now some folks allow their cat to jump on the table when it is empty, then when the cat does it with food on the table they try to blame the cat. This is the wrong way to go about it. Start right in and teach them that jumping on the table is wrong.

Many people object to the cat scratching on the furniture. It is very simple

to prevent this. Ready-made scratching posts are frequently advertised in Cats, and another method is to get a log from a tree, say about four inches in diameter and about three feet long and make your own. It is perfectly natural for cats to scratch on something, as nature taught them to do this in order to strengthen their claws. The claws of a cat are one of its means of self-defense and the muscles that contract them have to be strong. When you see a cat stretch and pull on its claws, it is taking this means of giving them needed exercise. If you get the log, it should lie flat on the floor and be supported so that it will not roll around. When first teaching the kitten to use its "scratching post", place your youngster on it, and sort of rub its front paws along the wood. Then too, a little catnip sprinkled on the log will help. You will then find that the cat will constantly go there for its exercise. In place of the log, or purchased post, you can use a board tightly wrapped with an old rug. Place the catnip inside and it will work just as well.

In handling, your kitten, use your hands only for petting in kindness and as a reward for good behavior. A kitten will naturally love to tussle with you and in using your hands you are inviting little scratches. Do not forget that the kitten will grow into a large cat and that the scratches will become a little harder to take. You will want to blame the cat for this but it will really be your own fault. Then too, the cat will not understand that it is wrong later if it is allowed to do this when young.

It is good to teach the kitten "velvet paws." When handling the kitten and it has its claws out, pinch its little foot and say, "velvet paws." It will soon come to know that its claws are not to be out when handled and you won't have any more trouble such as this.

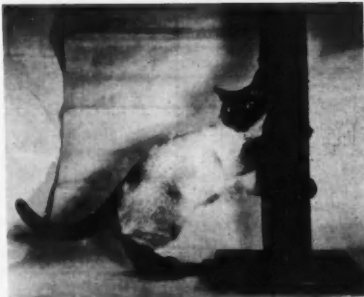
Remember everything cannot be learned overnight and it will take a little patience on your part. There is nothing better to see than a gentle and well trained cat. You will always be complimented on its good behavior, by your neighbors and friends and, if you travel about in the shows, by other breeders and exhibitors.

Well, we've come to the end of another discussion. We enjoy spending these moments with you for we are talking about a subject in which we all have a great interest—our cats. It is good to know by your letters that you are desirous of bettering the life of our little friends and by working together surely this can be accomplished. We also thank you for the many words of encouragement on the continuation of these articles. We shall look forward to getting together with you again when under *Tips For The Novice From A Novice* you will find an article discussing the choice of a stud cat for your queen.

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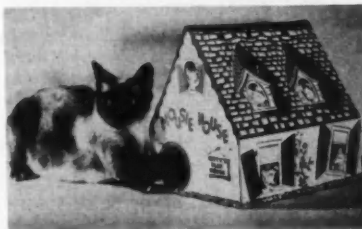
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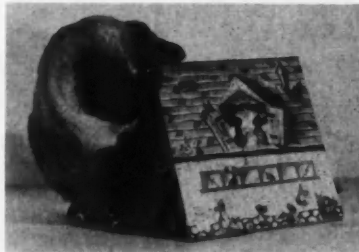
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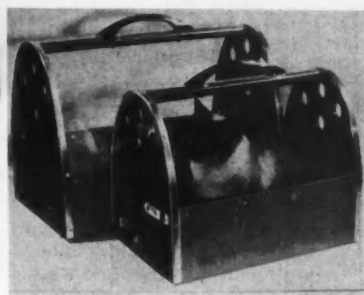


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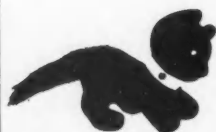
DECEMBER P. O. M. WINNER

The final 1954 monthly \$25.00 U.S. Savings Bond in the Picture of the Month Contest goes to Stanley O. Bean of 287 1/2 Elm Street, Amesbury, Massachusetts for the charming character photo above.

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PREPARING FOR A CHRISTMAS KITTEN

by Edna E. Helm

If you are thinking of selecting a kitten as your Christmas present for a small son or daughter, there are a few details that the purchaser may overlook, and which may save him or her grief later. May I enumerate a few of these?

First, be very sure you are dealing with a reputable breeder. The cost of your kitten should be determined in the very first letter, phone call or personal conversation with the dealer or breeder. Be sure you ascertain whether this price includes shots for enteritis—which the kitten, by all means, should have before being sent to you. Be sure the kitten is coming to you by the fastest means of transportation. Air travel, if it can be arranged, is much to be preferred over the slower train travel by railway express. However, if it is coming any distance, no matter by what means of transportation, be sure you insist that the breeder provide it with a warm, comfortable carrier, and that there is sufficient food and feeding instructions sent along so that if the kitten is delayed, it will not go hungry. Be sure you meet the plane or train, to insure the kitten's not having to stay in draughty quarters for any great length of time. While Railroads and Air Lines have good facilities for caring for animals, still the human element comes into the care of your kitten, and if an unobliging attendant has charge of your kitten, it may not get the benefit of these facilities.

Upon its arrival, take it as soon as possible to your own good veterinarian, who will examine it. The breeder's veterinarian should have supplied you with a certificate of health and one stating that the baby had been given its shots, but in lieu of that, ask your vet if he thinks a booster shot advisable. If I were not sure the kitten had had its shots, I would insist that it be given a supplementary shot before taking it home, if possible. Enteritis can be contracted in the kitten's travels, and any preventive measures are well worth their small cost.

Having previously ascertained what the kitten has been fed, try to stick closely to the foods it is used to. If it does not eat for a day or two, even though tempted with choice morsels of food, do not worry too much. Cats, like people, take a day or two to get used to new surroundings. But, if, after the day or two has passed, and the kitten is still not eating, a trip to the vet for a check up and diet analysis is advisable.

Be sure the kitten is kept warm, but not too warm. Do not risk a cold or pneumonia by letting it out, or keeping it where it is damp. Keep it clean, feed it, not too well but enough, show it you love it, and in a day or so, you will have the most devoted, loving baby you have ever seen.

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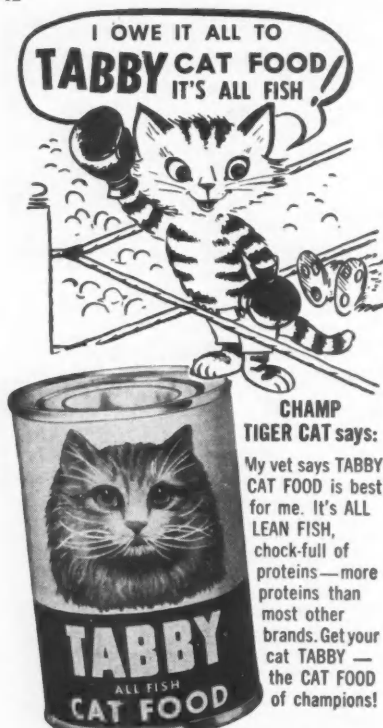
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We didn't want a cat then, especially a girl cat, but the pitiful little battered creature made us relent in spite of ourselves with her lovable, purring ways. No cat ever tried harder to win the affections of the humans that she had selected for her very own.

From that day forward Lucky has accepted without fear or question whatever her family decides for her.

We moved to a neighboring town shortly after Lucky came to us. She was extremely nervous over her first automobile ride. Some cats would have become panic stricken and unmanageable under the circumstances—but not Miss Lucky. She just sat on the back seat with

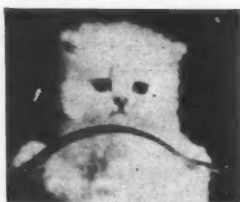
eyes like saucers—meowing confidently whenever we spoke to her.

The first summer we had our pussy cat we decided to take her by air to our camp located on a northern river many miles from where we live. Fortunately, we were able to fly in the same plane. She huddled in the corner of her crate, nervous but confident that we would let no harm befall her. Half way to our destination the plane stopped to refuel. During the noisy process Lucky emitted a few distressed yowls. One of us went to her compartment and spoke to her. At the sound of our voice all her protesting ceased—all was right with her world again. Since her first plane trip, Lucky has made six more flights to her summer vacation spot and takes the whole procedure like a seasoned traveller.

When Lucky arrives at camp she seems almost to revert to the wild state. Her behavior is quite different. Scarcely a night is passed indoors and all her daylight hours are spent hunting field mice and moles. She shows little interest in her city diet of liver and fish.

We anticipated a little trouble with her new routine when camping season ended but our fears were unnecessary. Lucky became a city cat immediately upon her return. She had absolutely no desire to stay out a single night and seldom strayed from her own garden.

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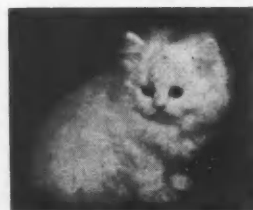
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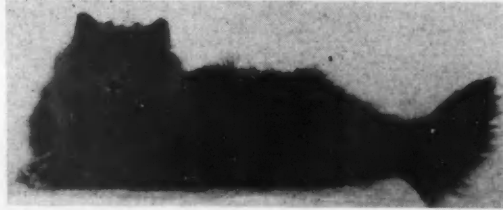
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by Francis MacKinnon Lucas

ment and pleasure during the years she has been with us—and sometimes much embarrassment. One such incident occurred while we were having a bridge party at our home. A very dignified serious player was deeply engrossed in studying the cards in her hand. Weighing almost two hundred pounds, the buxom lady spilled out over the back of her bridge chair! Lucky studied this strange phenomenon for some moments and then—you've guessed it—explored the protuberance with claws unsheathed! The bridge game ended abruptly and profound apologies were in order.

Cats have been admired and condemned, hated and loved through the ages, but never ignored. No one is ever neutral where cats are concerned. It is interesting to watch the varied reactions of people who come to visit.

We hope that Lucky will have many more years to be with us before she expends the last of her lives. We will sadly miss those unblinking amber eyes with the mysteries of centuries behind them, staring at us from some secluded corner, quizzical and aloof and we hope approving. Those haunting, iridescent eyes upon us somehow make us wish that we are measuring up to the qualifications expected of humans from the members of the animal world.

NOW WE HAVE A TORTOISE-SHELL MOUSE

by Ida M. Mellen

At the time I wrote *The Science and the Mystery of the Cat*, I quoted Reginald Pocock, great British authority on cats, as having stated that the only species of animals known to him to be tortoiseshell in a state of nature were the African hunting dog and the lemming. Cats are known to have developed the tortoise-shell colors only under domestication.

Now a house mouse has been discovered which carries the tortoise-shell colors. It is described and pictured in "The Journal of Heredity" for July-August, 1954, in an article by Margaret M. Dickie, who has found that the mouse resembles the tortoise-shell cat in several respects. Its colors are black, brown, yellow, gray and almost white. Scientifically this coloration appears to be due to a dominant sex-linked gene, the only specimens thus far discovered having been females.

What there is about proximity to human beings for a certain number of centuries which causes an animal like a cat or a mouse to "turn all colors" is a question that no geneticist can ever hope to answer. Nor shall we be likely to discover how a tortoise-shell or any other cat accustomed to hunting small gray rodents would react if it encountered a tortoise-shell mouse.

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KITTENS AND KIDS

by Helen Fairchild

From the time that I first became conscious of the fact that a human being could transmit disease from one cat or kitten to another I have been sad and lost. I remember so well that, as a child, I petted every stray I saw and naturally it followed me home and became an important member of the household. But later being a cat breeder and judge for years and realizing the hazards, from giving a cat enteritis, distemper, virus infections to various skin diseases, I keep my hands tightly clasped behind my back when tempted to pet one or wash my hands after touching an animal. As I say, this makes me sad because there is nothing that is such spontaneous fun as a cat lover and a strange cat meeting for the first time and realizing compatibility. Then I must say to myself, "Oh, oh, must not touch" and then add in a hollow voice, "Hello, Kitty". "Kitty" senses that it isn't going to get the desired pat or chucked chin and haughtily looks at me with cold eyes, flicks a whisker, jerks its tail straight up (the last word of contempt in cat sign language) and stalks away, stiff legged. And there I stand snubbed and sorry I ever learned so much about cat diseases that I can't enjoy the camaraderie of cats one meets everyday in the streets.

However, recently a family built a home across the street from us and moved in with three kids, a mother cat and three kittens. They were good old, common, garden variety cats. From our living-room windows we can see the children and kittens playing in the yard and it makes both my husband and me remember our childhood. He remembers when his sister used to dress kittens in doll clothes, and I think of the way I hitched kittens up to matchbox wagons like a team of horses and built kitten houses out of orange crates, complete with stairs. The kittens would always obligingly climb the stairs although we all knew they could easily jump to the 'upper floor'. So its easy to understand why we get so much fun out of watching the kids and kittens across the street. The kittens are hauled in little red wagons over rough ground, scarves tied over their heads, to keep out the cold, no doubt. They are covered with grass and 'play dead' until a child finds them and then kits hilariously climb a telephone pole just out of reach of the nearest kid and then leap to the ground and race all comers to the back porch.

Several weeks ago I took a basket of peaches to our new neighbors and told the Mother what a fine time we have watching the kids and kits playing. She said, "Oh, yes, they do have such fun and I don't know what we are going to do. We have a two weeks vacation coming up and can't take cats along. I guess we'll just have to—". Of course, I didn't let her finish that dreadful sentence. I replied, "Oh, we'll be glad to feed and

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Cats Question Box

Conducted by E. A. Renaux, D. V. M.

Our kittens (under five months) seem to be healthy, but there is a constant discharge from the eyes and the inner lid is always half over the eye. Our vet has tried everything, but with no results.

—Mrs E. B., Longview, Texas

This could be an inherited tendency. With medication failing to correct the condition, I would inspect the inner edge of the upper and lower lids for very fine short hairs which would act as a chronic irritation. Removal of the inner eyelid may be the only course left.

I have two questions: Is it true that if one allows a queen to have kittens normally after a cesarian the uterus may rupture because of the stitches; and can something be done other than spaying so as to permit a valuable female cat with cystic ovaries to have kittens?

—C. B., Woodbine, Ohio

An animal can give birth normally after having had a cesarian section. If normal healing has taken place there should be no danger of the uterus rupturing.

In a case where a cat is valuable for breeding purposes cystic ovaries can be treated by hormone treatment. It is, of course, not successful in every case but it would cause no harm if not effective.

How can we watch our Queen while she is nursing kittens, so that she will not have the opportunity to breed with our male. A friend says a nursing female may be receptive for only one day, and that scarcely noticeable. Our male is fine, and we would have no other reason to neuter him.

R & B, Durham, N. C.

If a nursing female is receptive to a male for only one day, there are many that make that day count. The most satisfactory care that I have seen is the confining of the cat and kittens in a large wire cage. When the female is to be allowed out of the cage it would be wise to confine the male to a large cage.

Must male cats always be operated on to make satisfactory house pets? How old should they be when this is done?

—Mrs. E. J. B., Corpus Christie, Tex.

In many cases male cats can be kept without having them operated. The majority however will cry and yowl when they become mature. Accompanying this will be the spraying and disagreeable odor. I prefer to operate on male cats when six months old, but it can be done any time after that.

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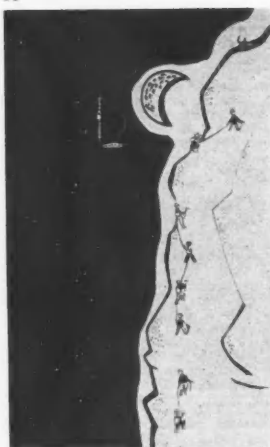
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PETERLI AND THE MOUNTAIN, By Georgia Engelhard, J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia. \$2.25. Ages 6-10.

Because of the dry weather that summer in Zermatt, Switzerland there were no field mice for Peterli. With his handsome, red coat, plumed tail and greenest of green eyes, he was never an ordinary cat who did nothing but catch mice for a living. The people with whom he lived, Herr and Frau Seiler, were not unaware of his charming personality. They had no children, so naturally they thought of Peterli as their little boy. He got a daily brushing, had a pretty red collar with red knobs and it is quite possible he took his afternoon nap on the big bed with the puffy quilt stuffed with feathers, though Herr Seiler did not approve of this. Though Peterli was handsome and belonged to the red cat race, anyone of which may prove to be a traveler, an adventurer or a great lover, no one ever dreamed he was destined for fame, unique and alone as the world's most famous cat mountain-climber.

Peterli's friend, Emil, who guided visitors who came to Zermatt to climb the Matterhorn, often spoke of people who could 'climb like cats'. This, as well as the absence of mice, had much to do with Peterli's great adventure. Thus do circumstances affect our lives and frequently change things overnight. While Emil was polishing his axe which he used in cutting footholds in the rugged ice cliffs, then it was that Peterli got the idea of going to richer mice fields, so it was that he stalked Emil a good distance before he was recognized. He would never have made the top without good-natured Emil's assistance before they reached Hornli Hut because Emil carried him part of the distance in his knapsack. From Hornli Hut on to the top it was every man for himself. Peterli jumped, clawed, scrambled and hung on until the top ridge was reached. But there were no mice! That easily can our hopes and aims be shattered.

Descending Matterhorn really took skill and here again Emil had much to do with Peterli's ever getting back to Frau Seiler's warm home. Tied tightly in the knapsack, hurled back and forth,

up and down, only Emil's skill saved him. Avalanches, giant storms, thunder and lightning like nothing ever conceived of, then at last a hut, a bed and plenty of warm milk. More than this, the rich reward of six field mice.

Home again, the luxury of rich cream to drink, lavish affection from the Seilers and the Mayor and all the townspeople coming to a special reception in his honor, wouldn't that be enough to turn any cat's head!

This is a peer among cat stories. It is packed with excitement and tells us of the cat who really climbed the Matterhorn. Pictures are by Madeleine Gekiere.



JENNY'S BIRTHDAY BOOK, Story and Pictures by Esther Averill, Harper & Brothers, New York. \$2.00.

Come back again, Jenny Linsky, we want to know more about all the things you do, your friends, the dreams you have for all cats, especially small black cats like yourself. You can do so much for us, Jenny. We can learn to be kinder and more tolerant when it comes to cats. There are so many people who are indifferent, in fact downright dislikers of your race. You can help considerably in changing things.

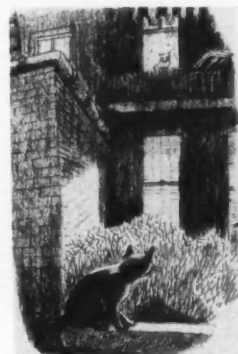
Your birthday party was scrumptious, Jenny, and you deserved every bit of it. Yesterday we saw a cat, scrawny and mangy, walking warily along a street near an alley. He was probably hungry; still he had his dignity and aloofness. We could swear he had never had a birthday party. To him and all other strays, wherever they live, we can give a little more friendliness, more saucers of milk, more bits of liver and salmon.

Live among your beautiful dreams, Jenny, with your charming, original friends. We are sure you will not forget your prayers for all cats everywhere, whatever the circumstances.

THE NAMELESS CAT, By Frances and Richard Lockridge, J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, Pa. \$2.25.

This big, black cat may not have had a name but he made up for it in adaptability, intelligence and ability to look after himself. He had to possess such

Right — Peggy Bacon drawing from "The Nameless Cat". Below — Esther Averill's Firehouse cats, and Anne Marie Laus's "Little Old People" with Horace.



worthwhile qualities or he could never have lived in a big city like New York. Young Bob Wilkins was one of the few people who were kind to the big cat; then just when he and Bob were on the point of cultivating a sturdy friendship along came the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals with their overly efficient agent, Timothy O'Brien, who was bent on capturing the black cat and all other strays they could clamp their nets down upon.

This was one exciting chase, you can take our word for it. The Lockridge's have told us admirably about Tim O'Brien's helpers, the house-roofs, the fences, the ladders, the trees and flashlights all employed in this cat round-up. The big black cat, without his knowing it, was the chief victim they were after. Up and down and in and out, and Tim O'Brien not a man to allow a cat to out-wit him!

Don't miss this, you many Lockridge fans. See if you don't think Bob Wilkins' name for the big black cat fitted him precious. Pictures by Peggy Bacon.

IN CAME HORACE, By Janet Beatrice. J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia and New York. \$2.00.

It sometimes happens where a family may be normally contented and as happy as can be when along come some busybodies offering a lot of suggestions as to how a safer and far greater career of happiness may be achieved. Just who would really prefer that sort of life it is hard to say . . . isn't it more interesting to spice the good with a little bad, the safe with a bit of danger now and then. We grow decadent when we live too smug an existence; we should not allow the pioneer element within us to become

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There were once two nice happy little old people who were always saying how very lucky they were because they had every single thing they needed.

SURPRISE FOR SANTA!

Silence fills the snow-kissed night
And then from far away
The little Christmas tree folks
Hear Santa's reindeer sleigh.
The cotton snowman confides
To the tinsel bird quite near,
The gingerbread boy dashes on high
And whispers in the angel's ear.
Her eyes sparkle and she smiles
Then waves her silver wand.
And, behold, from everywhere
Glorious lights come on.
Tin soldiers march all around,
While Christmas fairies dance—
Nearer and nearer come the bells
As Santa's reindeer prance.
Gently purring a carol
And washing her velvet paws
From her throne on the hearth rug
A kitten awaits Santa Claus!

—Dorothy M. Thompson

A PERSIAN KITTEN

Persian kitten soft and sweet
Where did you find your bushy tail..
And what about your velvet feet?
Where did you get your shining eyes
And soft purr as you take a nap?
I love to have you on my lap!

—Mary Beth Magnenat

THE QUESTIONING CAT

"Why," asked Katrinka, the Questioning Cat
"Are marbles so roundish while sidewalks are flat?
Please answer, Cat Mother, and then in a wink
I'll dip my long tail in a bottle of ink.
I'll scribble the answer so I won't forget
For I've lots of questions to ask of you yet.
This morning when Hooter the Owl, gave a test
My I.Q. was higher than all of the rest."
"What use are I.Q.'s to plain fellows like us?"
Meowed the cat mother, "They're only a fuss.
The question at present that's bothering me
Is if you will catch a fine mouse for my tea?"
Alas poor Katrinka, the Questioning Cat
Has never found out why the sidewalks are flat;
But every day at a quarter past three
She brings a fine mouse to her mother for tea.

—Florence Eakman

**OUR CAT BOOTS**

Our cat Boots is a Calico cat
She is not made of cloth
So it isn't that
That makes Boots a Calico Cat.

Our Cat Boots is a three colored cat
She is Orange, Black and White
And I guess it's that
That makes Boots a Calico Cat.

—Gail Elder James

A CAT FOR CHRISTMAS

I want a cat for Christmas
To drowse beside the fire
To purr with deep contentment,
My peace of mind inspire.

I want a cat throughout the year
To make a gentle pet
To bring me lots of pleasure
For I like cats, you bet!

—Elsie Simon

SKIPPER-LADY

One little mouth Two little ears
And one little nose, For you to hear
Two little eyes Mousie-pitter pat
And how many toes! Pitter pat through
You can't count them Walls and ceilings
Can you, dear? Teasing you.

—Elydia Shipman

**WINNIE AND THE CALICO CAT**

Winnie sat on the highest step,
On the very top step sat she,
She couldn't go to the walk below
Because she was not yet three.
The sun rose high; it grew real warm
But still the little girl sat.
Her left hand held a ragged doll
And her right a Calico Cat.
Up the street came a big collie,
He saw girl and doll and cat—
And he looked at the cat and thought
"Now what in the world is that?"
Up the stairs the collie bounded,
Wee Winnie rose up in fright;
She dropped the cat on the porch floor
And hurried out of sight.
The big dog looked at the tiny cat,
All red and white and green.
He sniffed and to himself he said,
"Funniest cat I've seen."
He turned and trotted down the stairs.
Winnie came back to her cat,
And back to the topmost step she went
And the three of them sat and sat.

—Lexy Rosbrook



Illustrations by Dorathea J. Byerly

MY BIFFY

I have a cat called BIFFY,
He's at my heels all day;
I tell him he should go outside
Into the yard and play.

But he just seems to think that he
Should be my body guard
And not leave me to play outside
In our bright sunny yard.

So all around my feet he goes,
And sings his happy song,
With confidence if he's around
Nothing can e'er go wrong!

—Ada Mae Hoffrek

KITTEN TAILS

Kitty-Cat-Purry, so early this morning,
Wet to the end of your pitty-pat tail,
Why do you rub all the dewdrops of
dawning
Onto the hems where my sleeping-pants
trail?

Kitty-Cat-Purry, along about noontime
You will be sleepy . . . too lazy to play;
Why must you scurry all night, chasing
moon shine?
Can't you exchange your strange hours
for my day?

—Helen L. Waterhouse

PUSSIES

Pussies were designed by angel children

To please the children of this earth;
The first time Jackie saw a kitten,
He held his sides and shook with mirth.

In furs of thistledown, this creature
Had charming manners, meek yet bold;
The grass-green eyes and spun-glass
whiskers

Completely won the two-year-old.

The little ears that pointed skyward,
The plumy tail, the padded hips,
The velvet paws encasing stickers
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Regarding the essentials of a true Manx cat, there is a long story and experience alone will give a few of the answers. The writer has been breeding Manx cats over a period of twenty years, beginning with imported stock, adding a new cat when a good one comes along, (which is all too seldom) owing to the great difficulty in combining all the essential qualifications a Manx should have.

CFR rules start with the statement that, "Taillessness, height of hind quarters, shortness of back and depth of flank, are essential in a Manx cat." They also state that taillessness must be absolute, but what they do not say, is that the other three items must also be absolute. We who breed them well know that we get one without the other, and in various degrees. The task is the same as trying to get a perfect cat of any breed, we always end up with that word—"But" in other words it would be good *but*—it is lacking something we very much want. It is correct to say that we may get any one of these qualifications from mixed breeding, and perhaps more than one, but a cat with all of the above mentioned essentials, will be good enough to pass any Judge and come out with a winner ribbon.

MANX & NEAR MANX

The *open double coat* is one of the most difficult problems, it is an absolute *must*, I would say, and it is a very elusive essential; not too common in litter of tailless parents and very uncommon in mixed breeds. *Head and ears* will most likely be up to standard when the other qualifications are present. *Color and markings* are rated lower in point scale, but they mean a great deal to a breeder, as they are a definite factor in determining the background.

The Manx' genes are so dominate that in most features it will predominate over cats of other breeds when a mixed mating has occurred. A Siamese and Manx mating will show no sign of the Siamese in the first generation either in color or in physical traits.

In Manx to Manx matings color follows the general rules of Domestic Shorthair Breeding. A recent breeding from a Brown Mackerel Tabby sire and a Blue Mackerel Tabby queen, brought a replica of the sire in a male, while a female went back and picked up the red of her grandmother on a blue background, while three others were solid black from the sire's long black ancestors, all are sound in color of what they are. Now the blue and red mixture has brought the most beautiful Red Tabby Mackerel that ever wore cat fur. He took the markings of his grandsire and the color of his great-grandmother. His markings are exquisite. Three solid Blacks in this litter proved to me how strong the black line of his grandsire came through.

Now comes the sad story of Manx breeding, which is the trouble arising from the lack of a tail. When a cat has a tail he uses it almost constantly, thereby strengthening the muscles around the point of his back so necessary to his well being and nature habits. When he has no tail, those muscles suffer badly, for exercise there is necessary to carry out nature's functions. When the cats are so very pure bred, we get cripples at birth; hind legs are frail and refuse to work; they have to hop on both legs at the same time to get along, some times they outgrow it and some times, mostly, they don't. That is why the English breeders are crossing with strong domestic sires to instill strength where it is needed and to prevent still birth. The Manx is not easy to raise even when you get it and the truer the breed, the more trouble shows up. Also they have personal ideas and a mind of their own and often a male will refuse to mate if the queen doesn't appeal to him; and vice versa with the queen—if the male did not happen to tie his tie on straight, she may tell him to take a walk back home and no amount of persuasion will change her mind. This usually happens when the breeding is one we especially desire as it would have combined some of those rare traits needed; but we just have to look for another one and what we want may not be visible; but may be in the back ground, so we just take a gambler's

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chance and go along. Sometimes we are very pleased but mostly get the disappointment we really expected.

The Manx is a fine intelligent cat. They are the best of ratters, have sweet dispositions, and as a rule make very little noise. They are not fighters *per se*, but will take care of themselves with the best and biggest that come along. Manx are inclined to grow very large, even extra large.

The tail and lack of it is a truly difficult problem because wherever Manx blood is present, it will show up in the tail if no other place. Long tails come in the best of stock and we may as well face it. Stubs of all lengths, bits of flesh or bits of cartilage under the skin. Taillessness is more or less a relative term—how much or how little will the Judge pass. She may have raised Manx and would know exactly the score. The English did have a rule that a cat with a tiny bit of a tail, tight to his body on the order of a Boston Bull's screw tail, was eligible for championship. I was the owner of a fine Black import that sported that type of appendage, but, he never passed it on and his kittens came with absolute dimples. And this leads right up to the question of what will a cat pass on to the kittens, and not always what he himself shows. Some fine dimples came from a long tailed cat with a fine line behind him, so he can throw a dimple just as well as a dimpled darling and does, throw a tail or stub. Don't shortchange a long tailed cat from a good strong Manx line, as he is one who will cure that ever-present weakness of hind legs with no muscles and cords all out of kilter; he has no tendency to them and will not pass them on.

If the Manx is not extremely short-coupled, it does not look like a Manx, but this very item causes no end of trouble for the queen at kitting. And, of course, if there is such trouble it will always be the choice kitten who will wither and die.

Cat breeding is not without its troubles and disappointments no matter what the type of cat, but while a long line of Persians will generally bring just about what the breeder expected, not so the Manx! The Manx breeder must proceed solely by trial and error, and even then can seldom expect anything approaching perfection. My imported female, for example, has had kittens with all the desired points—such as extremely high hind quarters and round back, but with a stub; or with absolute dimples, but with straight backs. Only once did she bring all the good features together in one kitten, and his life was only too short.

So, when, and if, you see a perfect Manx cat in a show, stop and take a long look and say to yourself, "I have seen everything, now." To improve the line we must breed selective stock and best to best, but just what constitutes best can be learned only by long experience in breeding and seeing the kittens.



The author's Double Champion Manx Mambu, and one of her kits.

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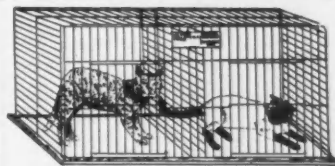
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More than 1,500,000 people attended this Exposition—by far the greatest audience in history for any such display of feline royalty. Every recognized breed of

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The general catalog of the Exhibition featured the "International Cat Parade", and mentioned the increasing popularity of cats as household and apartment pets, and the fact that more pedigreed cats are being registered today than at any previous time.

The two clubs may well take pride in the tremendous boost they have given all the world of cat lovers.



Here are members of the Boston Cat Club at a cat banquet, at the University Club, in honor of the 50th Annual Boston Cat Club Show held at Horticultural Hall, Boston, November 12 and 13. Among those present were Mrs. Alice Morrill, Mrs. Lucille Green, Mrs. Edith Sullivan, Mrs. John Kennedy, Mrs. Emma Raymond, Mrs. Dorothy Lee, Mrs. Albert Walker, Mrs. Charles Bostwick, Mrs. Carl Muckenhoupt, Mrs. F. W. Wright, Mrs. Arthur C. Cobb, Miss Irma A. Rich, Mrs. Antoinette Wormstead, Dr. Evelyn Lyle, Mrs. H. J. G. Rudolf, Mrs. J. Bernard Buzzell, and Mrs. Raymond Connolly. Irving Usen, President, and Robert Usen, General Manager of the Usen Canning Company, makers of Tabby Cat Food were hosts at the feline feast.

50th Birthday for Boston C. C.

By Virginia R. Cobb

The BOSTON CAT CLUB, Inc. celebrated its fiftieth birthday in September, 1954. This Club was formed in 1904 and Incorporated in 1908.

Looking back (by means of the records) over fifty years is interesting. The first shows were held in Mechanics Hall in conjunction with the annual Poultry Show, and lasted for three days. After a few years of this the Club decided to go it alone and later shows were staged in hotels and then in Horticultural Hall, where they are held now.

Club meetings have been in hotels, halls, members' homes and for the last ten years at the Boston Y.W.C.A. We are allowed to use a kitchenette there and two or more members act as a committee and serve very nice luncheons before the meetings. We feel the luncheons have a very valuable effect in providing sociability before the business meeting. They also give new members a chance to get acquainted. All sorts of programs have been arranged over the years, speakers on many subjects, musicals, colored movies and judging of cats.

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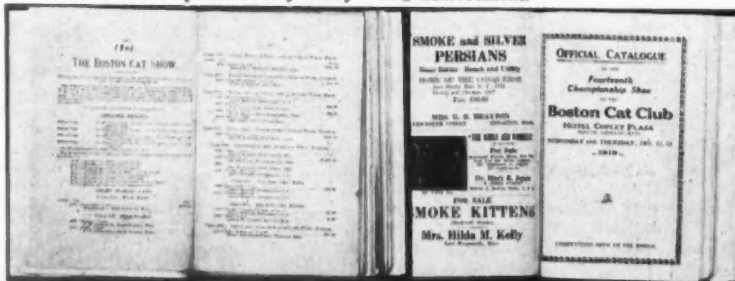
which contains the programs for the year, the hostesses for each month and a list of members.

During the summer, meetings and get-togethers are held at members' homes. Our shows have always been very successful, well managed, and have usually made a good profit. One exception was the year when a blizzard struck the second day, bringing snow so deep that even taxis would not operate! That won't happen again, with Shows held in November.

Membership over the year has averaged about 100 and at the present time is 114.

Three years ago the Club purchased its own cages, which were designed by the members and are larger than most, being thirty-two inches. We take great pride in our clean showroom and cages. We are also proud that we have donated to various charities, over \$8,000 and that during the last war all proceeds above expenses were given to various War Relief agencies.

Records from all meetings have been preserved and the members of the BOSTON CAT CLUB can look back with pride on FIFTY years of steady growth and achievement.



Typical pages from the Boston Club's bound volume of Show Catalogs.

Cats Show Calendar

This Calendar will be kept up to date and will be published every month throughout the Cat Show Season. Further information will be found in the individual club ads in this issue and subsequent issues of CATS.

December

- 1-2—Newark, N. J.—Garden State Cat Club of New Jersey, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Judge of All Longhairs and Shorthairs except Siamese—Mrs. Mary Carroll; Siamese Judge Dr. C. Evans Sawyer; Referee Judge if required—Miss Kathleen Yorke); Solid Color Club of the East Specialty; Silver Cat Club of the West Specialty and Eastern Tabbie and Tortie Specialty (Miss Kathleen Yorke); National Siamese Cat Club Specialty (Mr. Brian Sterling Webb).
- 4-5—New Orleans, La.—Dixie Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Anthony DeSantis); West Texas Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. Dorothy Keller); Southern Longhair Club Specialty (Mrs. Keller).
- 4-5—Des Moines, Iowa—Hawkeye State Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Frances Kosierowski); Twin City Solid Color Specialty and Great Lakes Shorthair Specialty (Mr. Robert E. Martin).
- 11-12—Chico, Calif.—Tri-County Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Leila Paterson); Shorthair Specialty (Howard Casassa); Shorthair Specialty (Lucy Clingan).
- 11-12—Portland, Oregon—Rose City Cat Club, Inc. (ACA). All Breed (Mrs. Ruth Fisher); Longhair Specialty and Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. Ruth Lents).
- 11-12—Cincinnati, Ohio—Cincinnati Cat Club, Inc. (CFA)—All Breed (Mrs. C. D. Carroll); Windsor Solid Color Specialty and Great Lakes Shorthair Specialty (Robert E. Martin).
- 11-12—Miami, Fla.—Miami Florida Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Ralph T. Mahie); Solid Color Club of the South Specialty and Eastern Tabbie and Tortie Specialty (Anthony DeSantis).
- 13-14—Brooklyn, N. Y.—Cosmopolitan Cat Club—Formerly Brooklyn-Long Island Club (CFF). All Breed (Mrs. Joseph Richmond); Solid Color Specialty (Mrs. Helen Hildebrand); Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. Christine Hartmann).

January

- 7-8—New York, N. Y.—Atlantic Cat Club (CFF). All Breed (Mr. H. B. Zieses); All Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. Doris O'Connell); Silver Specialty (Mrs. Christine Hartman); Solid Color Specialty (Mrs. Hartman).
- 8-9—North Hollywood, Calif.—San Fernando Valley Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Miss Doris Hobbs); Longhair Specialty (Miss Floy McGill); Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. Dorothy Richard).
- 15-16—Dayton, Ohio—Dayton Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Ralph T. Mahie); Windsor Solid Color Specialty and West Texas Shorthair Specialty (Miss Kay M. Thomas).
- 15-16—Long Beach, Calif.—West Short Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. C. Strange).

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Mews and Views from the West

I WISH:

THAT I had not missed writing my column in the last issue and thus having gotten a little late with news, but circumstances beyond my control prevented getting the news to you.

THAT I had been able to report on the CFA Twin City Cat Fanciers, Inc. Minneapolis, show before all the news of it came out in the last issue, quite adequately covered in Billie Bancroft's "Quotes From The Shows".

THAT I wasn't so late in this report: The Siamese Cat Club, CFA, held its second annual kitten match on September 12th at Ivory Towers in Hollywood. This event was a limit match, only the top contenders from each Siamese breeder's litters. It was judged by six Siamese breeders of this Club. Albert Thatcher, show manager, in spite of recent surgery, did full honor to his assigned job. Best in show was Hollywood Angover (B. P. female). Best opposite went to Sea Change Navigator (S. P. male) both kittens are descendants of Gr. Ch. Kewalo Lei Krampert (B. P. male).

THAT I wasn't late in this report! I have a letter dated September 28 from W. F. (Jack) Wedel, Secretary of The United Cat Federation, Inc. stating "The Golden Gate Fanciers, Inc. of Oakland voted to affiliate with the U. C. F., resigning from C. F. A. He further states "We feel that there is now a definite demand for a Federation sensitive to the needs of the Western exhibitor and responsive to the desire of the people who 'foot the bills'."

THAT more exhibitors had attended The Redwood Cat Fanciers show at Eureka, California, held in the Carson Memorial Building. A brand new building, and built of Redwood, which abounds in this country. It was nice to see the Siamese, who so love to be warm and cozy benched in an appropriate spot, where the sun shone on them, and at all times their coats appeared sleek, and their expressions practically thanking the show committee for being so thoughtful as to bench them in a WARM spot. This is in my estimation much to be considered in all benching of short hairs. I fell in love with Eureka as a town itself. It is an old town in Northern California, lumber because of the Redwoods being its principal industry, salmon fishing enticing visitors - and it is so green and beautiful. Mrs. Ralph T. Mabie, President of CFA attended this show and seemed to enjoy its picturesque beauty as much as I did. The All Breed show was judged by Mrs. Marguerita Goforth doing her usual superb judging. The S. H. Specialty was judged by Mrs. Isabel Meader, and many exhibitors commented on her fine handling of the cats. I enjoyed meeting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Woodruff, she being the show manager, and Mr. Woodruff always there with the helping hand to all exhibitors Mrs. Leigh Manley was entry clerk, and two weeks after the show gave birth to a fine son - both mother and son suffering none from the hard work she did at the show. Plan to make this a must on your list for next year—see that beautiful country and meet the folks.

THAT the Pacific Cat Fanciers (CFF) 6th Annual show had closed before some 3:00 A.M. in the morning. Our Western shows do have large entries. Mr. John Konkel of Costa Mesa, California, did his first judging in the Long Hair Specialty and from ALL exhibitors I heard fine comments on his handling of the cats. Sorry I had not the opportunity to watch Charles Williams judge the S. H. Specialty, as it was in another room, and I was so busy grooming in another. Summation of finals could have been handled better - but at a late hour when everyone is tired, it is difficult. Results of finals will be found elsewhere in this issue.

THAT all exhibitors noticed an unusual feature at this CFF show - thirteen black cats in the judging cages at once - with Halloween decorations, using of course black cats - best Black in each show was Gr. Ch. Lighting Black Baron, owned by Mrs. W. G. Holsinger of Phoenix, Arizona.

THAT more folks could have been watching when the exhibitors and audience laughed while Judge Fisher allowed Ch. Kerry Lu Shirleen, Chinchilla female owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, to drink water to her hearts content from the pitcher of water on the Judges' table.

THAT! the exotic Dark Red Dahlias in evidence at this show as decoration could have been seen by the whole Cat Fancy, as they have been developed by Wally Peterson (Beverly-Serrano Cattery) and the Dahlia is named Beverly-Serrano. Watch for this rare variety to be seen all over the United States, as dahlia growers persuaded Wally to market it. Quite an honor I think. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson's Silvers will be heard from this year too—watch and see.

THAT Brown Tabby breeders could have seen female San-Su of Azure, owned by Mrs. Wm. J. Woods of Phoenix, and bred by Floy McGill—even the eyes were in the butterfly on the shoulders. She is sired by Ch. Mar Vista's Hassan of Glen Mar x Glen Mar's Suzi.

THAT more folks (not cats, as their entry was quite adequate) could have attended the show put on by the Marin County Cat Club, at San Rafael, California. I regret that I have not attended this show before. It was beautifully managed. A large entry, and all finals done and folks ready to go home at 10:00 P.M. That's pretty close to heaven insofar as a cat show goes. I am sorry my catalog was missing when arriving home, and before this time thought it would have been mailed to me, so it is difficult to comment on entries without a marked catalogue. I remember the fine judging of Edith Schulte—2nd and 3rd ribbons were liked by exhibitors, as Judge Schulte gave reasons for all awards. She gave Burmese top wins, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Warren (our top exponents of this breed) thought this unusual as it is the first time in history. What a Burmese class Judge Schulte had, and she so commented. It is difficult to mention top cats without a catalog but this issue no doubt will have the top wins elsewhere.

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Ada May Miles

(Letters and information for "Mews and Views" should be sent direct to Mrs. Miles at 4435 Longridge Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California.)

LETTERS

(from page 4)

gle in complete harmony. They live in "groups" or "families" and all are named and as the caretaker enters the large enclosure with their food upon individual pie plates, the right ones follow her and jump to their places with never a touch of selfishness or greed. It is wonderful to witness, I assure you.

Most sincerely,

(Mrs.) L. Maude Erwin
4017 Bonita Mesa Rd.
Chula Vista, Calif.

(I was 83 in September and personally care for 300 refugees and love it and them.)

XMAS BOOKS

(from page 16)

extinguished. Our forefathers left the door unlatched to welcome the tired wayfarer and were seldom disturbed.

The neighbors of the Little Old People in this book did not take to this way of thinking and their remedy to help matters was, what do you suppose, a dog! Of course, there was Horace the Cat, but the neighbors did not rate Horace as a protector or as anyone who was large enough, cross enough or sufficiently noisy to be of use when it came to protecting the jellies and jams, cheese, bacon and hams the Little Old People had stored down in the cellar, in the cupboards and hanging on the walls. You see, they were particularly fortunate in having a house with a vegetable garden and a fenced-in field where, we suspect, they kept a few chickens, maybe a cow and a pig or two.

More fortunate were they in living with someone like Horace who rose splendidly to the occasion when it came to routing the dogs who appeared in numbers applying for the job of protector to the Little Old People. At once his method was quick, vigorous and effective. It was one step, fur up; two steps, back up; three steps, tail up and "S-S-S-Cat", away went all the dogs the neighbors could bring in. Horace was a pioneer and he has our deep respect.

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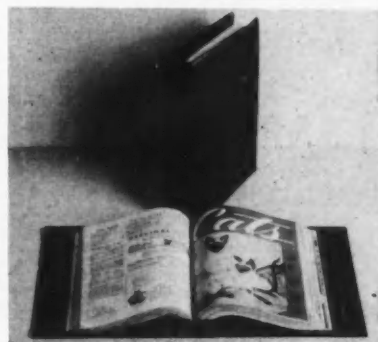
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Quotes from the Shows

By **BILLIE BANCROFT**

Penn State Cat Club, CFF
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A well run Show. Large Hall, adequate cages. Siamese Judge Doris O'Connell is to be complimented on the gentle way she handles the Siamese.

—Agnes Rand, Mineola, L. I., N. Y.
What I have seen so far is intensely interesting. I am having a good time greeting old friends and looking at the cats.

—Jane S. Martinke, Newark, Delaware
Nice seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Nice cats. Nice judging. Light cage would be better but you can't have everything—always.

—Louise Fiedler, (Judge CFF and ACA), Media, Pennsylvania.

This is a good Show, I am very impressed with the large class in which I had my entry. I have never seen so MANY kittens in a Show. The judging is excellent and I am very proud to have had BEST KITTEN in both Shows. Congratulations to the manager, Miss Jane Mervine.

—Martha Soderberg, Vanport, Pa.
This is my first CFF Show. I think the Show is handled by very excellent judges. Every one has shown extreme hospitality. Credit should be given to Mickey Cornell for the hard work she does trying to keep the place clean. I am thoroughly enjoying it, and hope to attend other CFF Shows often.

—Ethel Glassman, Washington, D. C.
A well conducted Show, spacious room, competent judging and clean cages.

—H. Rand, Mineola, New York.
Penn State is giving us a grand Show, beautiful cats and a good gate.

—Mrs. Genevieve Gibson, 7203 West Chester Pike, Upper Darby, Penna.
It is unusual and gratifying to see a woman veterinarian examining the cats and taking such an active part in the Show in general. I know the Club must be very proud to have her as a member and exhibitor. A lovely Show, light and airy Show room and all the committees are kind and helpful.

—Helen Van Zele, Lemon Grove, Calif.
Jane Mervine did a spectacular managing job and her catalogue was beautiful. It was nice to see so many 'cash customers' after last year's poorly attended Show. Novice Judge Helen Hildebrand was the outstanding attraction—her charm and expert decisions were a joy to behold. Too bad she was held back for so long with the Solid Color. She turned out to be a real 'sleeper'. I am looking forward to showing under her again.

—Mrs. Henry F. Bode, Massapequa, Long Island, N. Y.
Billie Bancroft's Comments, next month.

New Orleans Show Mid-Winter Fair
The Cat Fanciers of New Orleans, Inc., ACA
October 15, 16, 17, 1954

I thoroughly enjoyed this Show, not only were there many eager owners but there were numbers of fair visitors who spent a considerable part of their time with the exhibitors, enjoying the numerous beautiful tries. While my experience at Cat Shows is limited, including only a few Shows in the East and far West, I can truthfully say that I have never been so cordially received nor had so much friendly, helpful interest shown me by the officials of any Show as that given me by this mid-winter Show at New Orleans.

—John Walsh, M. D., New Orleans.
Plaintive mews from the cats and satisfied purrs from the exhibitors!!

—T. H. O'Connor, (My Mr. Tommy).
I like this way of judging, it is faster and the cats are not scared. It was very inconvenient to the lavatory a distance to find food and quite far from the heart of the city—hard for those without a car.

—Mrs. Augusta Dixon, New Orleans, La.
An outstanding Show in every respect. Such Shows cause one to look forward to attending other Shows in the coming years.

—R. E. Merton, visitor.
I am having a wonderful time but then I love Cat Shows, especially these one day judging affairs. They are so much easier on the cats, AND exhibitors! My first experience at a one day Show was at Media, Pennsylvania, last month—and now this one—I'm really all for it.

—Adeline Gawthrop, Palatka, Florida
This is my first Show. I am very impressed and I have enjoyed it very much. I plan to attend many more Shows this year, hoping they all will be as nice as this one.

—Annette McDade, Lumberton, Mississippi.
Judging at the cages should become more universal at Cat Shows; it is easier on the cats, the judges and the Stewards, saves time and facilitates judging all along the line. I

ENJOYED THIS SHOW, the friendliness, the informality, the exotic buffet supper served. I heard no gripes about anything, despite the cold snap with the Show being housed in a tent.

—Ruth McNaughtan, Judge of Long and Shorthair Specialties, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Two days of driving from San Antonio in 98 degree heat. This morning came 'The Norther' and it is sixty degrees cold—woe is us!! This is a good way to expedite a Show only I did not get to chew my nails seeing the judges place their decisions on stage!! Hi Billie!

—Helen Mueller, San Antonio, Texas.
This is my first ACA Show and I am enjoying it very much. The judging was very efficient and proceeded rapidly. It is always fun to meet old friends in The Cat Fanciers, especially at the first Show of the season.

—Mrs. Joan Carter, Pharr, Texas.
Wonderful Show—especially for us, good lights and pens—only fault is—New Orleans should be warmer. Everyone here is wonderful to us.

—Stewart Sterling, Jr., Victoria, Texas.
Just how thrilled can a Manx breeder be? Best in All Breed and Box 1st W. Best in Specialty. This cage judging is wonderful for the cats.

—Julia Lovett, Dallas, Texas.

I would not have missed this New Orleans show which has proved to be one of the most interesting and satisfactory it has ever been my privilege to attend. An entirely new departure in judging. The Judges went to the cats instead of the cats being carried up to the Judges. The result was that the cats were subject to less upsets and nerves, in addition to this the Judges were able to concentrate on their judging and therefore did a better job of it than under the old system. What is more to the point, ALL CATS were handled and judged the first day of the Show. Winnie Porter and the entire personnel of the New Orleans Cat Fanciers are to be congratulated for putting on an outstanding Show based on this new (for America) approach, they have given us some excellent ideas for our future Show plans in Dallas and North Texas Cat Clubs.

—Price Cross, Dallas, Texas.

This experience of judging from portable judging-tables was a tremendous success. Judging the one hundred and seventy-eight entries was easily completed the first day. The Judges were pleased with this method and the exhibitors were enthusiastic. The universal comment was 'it is so much better for the cats!!!! This is indeed a splendid Show in every respect, even the tent has its advantages.

—Russell Middleton, Dallas, Texas.

Having just finished judging the All-Breed Show in New Orleans, La., I wish to report what a nice event it was. I am very much in favor of the experiment of cage to cage judging, having the most capable stewardship of Mr. Price Cross, Dallas, Texas, and the equally capable Secretary, Mrs. Richard Shelden. The Show was managed in one day. The management was that warm, hospitable atmosphere, Winifred Porter majors in. I did not hear a complaint from any one. It was a very HAPPY event.

—Mrs. Charles Klem, Memphis, Tennessee.
We truly have a wonderful Show, nary a complaint from any exhibitor, you can imagine how different our setup was. The judging started at 10:30 A.M. and we were finished by 8:00 P.M. This Show was held with the Mid-Winter Fair. A 4-H Club boy came up from the Cattle Department of the Fair and wanted to know where the 'pretty large breed of cats that I saw last year' were located.

—Which one is that, asked Miss Porter. 'Why,' replied the boy, 'they are real big and spelled N-E-U-T-A-R-N'. Another man came up to Winnie later, after seeing the first section of the catalogue, and demanded to be shown a 'Box' breed of cat.

—Mrs. Richard Shelden, New Orleans, La.
Billie Bancroft Comments:

What a Show—what a Show—at the Penn State Show in Philadelphia, there must have been twenty people who wanted to know if I'd had the reports on the TENT SHOW—fame travels fast! A lot of nice things are being said about Mrs. Charles Klem, the All-Breed judge. Ruth McNaughtan is being complimented by her many friends in Philadelphia, no one is surprised at the bang-up job she did as Specialty Judge. Ruthie is a thoroughly genuine person. Winnie Porter truly has the magic touch—when it comes to managing a Show she is there—in fact it would be no misstatement to say she is a Professional.

Fanciers Forum

THE MEDIA ONE-DAY SHOW

by Rex Naugle

On September 25, 1954, Eastern Cat Fanciers (ACA) in the Philadelphia area, held a one day show with All Breed, Short Hair Specialty and Long Hair Specialty. Entries totaled 183 and there were 150 cats in championship competition.

Because of our success and many favorable comments and congratulations from, in some cases, pre-doubting exhibitors, this article has been prepared to encourage those elsewhere to try the one day show.

Most of our club were in favor of a one day show in the face of contrary advice from many sides, and we would not be convinced until we tried it.

As a club, this was our first show. However, several individual members had past experience managing two-day shows. We, therefore, decided to take the gamble right at the start. We are now very glad that we did so. Our show was quite successful in all respects. Of course, we had a few rough spots and they taught us what to avoid hereafter.

There are really only a few major points leading to the success of such a show, and they should be obvious to all who have had show experience, either in the management or only as an exhibitor. They are here set forth for emphasis because of their importance.

Preparation must be thorough and complete, and this requires that every club member lend all possible efforts and thoughts to the endeavor. In this respect, we, as a club, were most fortunate, though with a small initial membership.

Exhibitors must be impressed with the necessity of co-operation and promptness and the show must start on time. Here our exhibitors came through in line style but we skipped a bit due to some individual members being overloaded. This can and must be remedied another time.

Judges must be expeditious, competent and co-operative, and in turn they must have the full co-operation of exhibitors and show officials. They must have competent clerks and assistants.

We here extend our compliments to our judges and thank them for a good job well done:

Mrs. Louise Fiedler—All Breed

Mrs. Ruth McNaughtan—Short Hair Specialty

Mrs. Betty Groell—Long Hair Specialty

Our Long Hair Specialty had about one-

third the entries of the Short Hair Specialty and was, of course, soon completed.

The Short Hair Specialty was completed around 10:00 P.M. and while, of course, the All Breed division was the largest, yet it was completed about 12:30 A.M.

We had three judges working simultaneously and in any case of conflict in classes, the All Breed was always favored.

We recognize the fact that a substantially larger show than ours would be difficult to accomplish in one day, but many people are prepared to go along with the suggestion that, for obvious reasons, judging of kittens might be dispensed with, and the All Breed show have two judges with another participating judge as referee in the finals. If space permits, of course, cages could be allotted to exhibitors for the display and sale of kittens.

On the subject of show space, we have a few comments which might prove helpful to other clubs. National Guard Armories are generally quite spacious and usually available for reasonable rentals. We acknowledge here the leadership of the Washington Cat Fanciers Club, which we understand has had successful shows the past three years in such Armories outside of Washington.

Shows in our area have almost always been held in central Philadelphia, but in the face of higher and higher rentals, we engaged the National Guard Armory in Media, Pennsylvania, a suburban town of twenty thousand upwards population about fifteen miles from central Philadelphia.

In view of consistently good past public attendance in Philadelphia, we had our fingers crossed, but we find that cat lovers will go some distance after all. Locally, or course it was something brand new, and many local people came out of curiosity. However, the writer spent most of the day at the admission table and made considerable inquiry and concludes that our visitors were about 75% non local.

We had excellent co-operation and assistance from local organizations, armory officials and individuals, all of which contributed much to the success of our show.

We will be interested in the efforts of others in this endeavor and stand ready to help and to learn.

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KITTENS AND KIDS

(from page 14)

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I really believe that Dr. Fairchild and I were the ones who had the fun! The first few days the kittens hid under their house and crept out after we left to 'steal' the food and then would whiz back into hiding. Soon they began to watch for us. They weren't quite sure from which house we came, but they knew it was 'that-a-way'. By the end of the first week they were all lined up at the curbing watching for us. The day their family returned they discovered just which house we lived in. Dr. Fairchild was eating breakfast very early in the morning when he heard a loud M-e-o-w at the window. There were the kittens standing on a chair in our patio with little noses pasted to the pane. In loud language they told him what a 'so-and-so' he was, sitting there eating when they hadn't been fed! The next thing I saw was my husband going across the street with bathrobe flapping in the breeze and a parade of cats following. The little "beasties" didn't even look at our house after their folks came home. That is—until this morning. The ugliest (to a judge's eye—but prettiest to her little masters' eyes) got hungry earlier

than usual and sat on the doorstep and meowed so loud that she awoke the whole neighborhood. She was sitting with her back to her house, but was pointing ours and yelling loud enough so everyone could hear. It was all I could do to keep the Doctor from going over and feeding her. He loves that little cat!

Well, so you see we are having our old-time fun with kits and kids, but we still wash our hands after we touch any cat, whether one of our own or one of the little 'busybodies' across the street.

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TWIN CITY CAT FANCIERS (CFA) 19th Annual Ch. Show, Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 18-19, 1954.

ALL BREED—Judge, Mr. Anthony De Santis. Best Cat, Best LH, Best Open, Best SC, Dixiland Sir Gai of Normont, blue m, Mrs. Merald Hoag. 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch., Great Lakes Leduke of Rosemont, blk m, Mrs. Frances Kosierowski. OS Cat, OS Ch., Best SH, Wee Sal of Medicine Lake, SP f, Mrs. Adolph Olson. Best Gr. Ch., Dixiland Rebel of Les Cygnes, BE Wh m, Mrs. Paul Swan. Best Nov., Briargate's Kiss Me Kate, BP f, Stella Harley. OS Nov., Barbe Blue B'Cardi, blk m, Mrs. C. F. Rotter. OS LH, OS SC, Nigrette Aurea of Normont, blue f, Mrs. Merald Hoag. OS SH, Blue Grass Adonis, SP m, Mrs. Lucas Combs. Best DSH, Ch. White Pansee of Bur Mur Farm, BE Wh f, Mr. and Mrs. Burrell Finch. OS DSH, Mouser Jr. of Bur Mur Farm, blue m, Mr. and Mrs. Finch. Best Aby, Malikah of Harmonie Acres, f, Mrs. Waldo Schulz. OS Aby, Abu of Knott Hall of Blue Grass, m, Mrs. Lucas Combs. Best Kit, Lynwood Moonmist, blue m, Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. OS Kit, Samdur's Deorchas, BP f, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sample. Best Neuter, Blue Ace Nudger, blue m, Terry Jackson. Best Spay, Gaymoor Buttercup, bl cr f, Marie Stodden.

SOLID COLOR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Lester O'Neill. Best Cat, Best Nov., Barbe Blue B'Cardi of Briargate, blk m, Mrs. C. F. Rotter. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Open, Nigrette Aurea of Normont, blue f, Mrs. Merald Hoag. Best Gr. Ch., Dixiland Rebel of Les Cygnes, BE Wh m, Mrs. Paul Swan. Best Ch., Lavender Lyric of Bloemhill, blue f, Mrs. John Bloem. OS Ch., Great Lakes Leduke of Rosemont, blk m, Mrs. Frances Kosierowski. OS Nov., Longhill's Anne, blue f, Mrs. John Bloem. Best Kit, Lynwood Moonmist, blue m, Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. OS Kit, Lynwood Rosemarie, blue f, Mrs. Lindsey. Best SH, Ch. White Pansee of Bur Mur Farm, BE Wh f, Mr. and Mrs. Burrell Finch. OS SH, Mouser Jr. of Bur Mur Farm, blue m, Mr. and Mrs. Finch. Best Neuter, Blue Ace Nudger, blue m, Terry Jackson.

TABBIE AND TORTIE SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. O'Neill. Best Cat, Best Open, Siesta Carmalita, bl cr f, Mrs. T. C. Trent. 2nd Best Cat, Best Nov., Siesta Queen Elizabeth, Tortie f, Mrs. T. C. Trent. OS Cat, OS Nov., Red Top Red Rocky, red thy m, Mrs. B. Walenty. Best Ch., Best SH, HRH Mystical of Coburg, sil thy DSH f, Mrs. Merald Hoag. OS SH, Clapp Man of the House, red thy DSH m, Mr. and Mrs. Don Clapp. Best Kit, Bloemhill Gamin, bl cr f, Mrs. John Bloem. OS Kit, Normont's Silver Shine, sil thy DSH m, Mrs. Merald Hoag. Best Spay, Gaymoor Buttercup, bl cr, Marie Stodden.

SIAMESE SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. O'Neill. Best Cat, Best Open, Blue Grass Adonis, SP m, Mrs. Lucas Combs. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Nov., Samdur's Jill Kitti, BP f, Mrs. Wesley Novak. Best Ch., Dalai Jakki, S Pm, Mrs. Virginia Daly. OS Ch., Cymri Pide, Sil, Mrs. Helen Ahola. OS Nov., Yamar's Ve, BP m, Stella Harley. Best Kit, Ithame Royalist of Dalai, SP m, Mrs. Virginia Daly. OS Kit, Samdur's Deorchas, BP f, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sample. Best Neuter, Rysted's Yule Yuss, SP, Mr. Alric Rystedt. Best Spay, Briargate's Shan's Tia Juana II, SP, Mr. Fred Krahn.

EASTERN CAT FANCIERS (ACA) First Ch. Show, Media, Pa., Sept. 25, 1954.

ALL BREED—Judge, Louise Fiedler. Best Cat, Best Nov., Best LH, Citrus Ridge E.O. of Esperanza, sh sil f, Pauline Filkins. OS Cat, OS LH, Rosemont's Playboy of Rob Mar, blue m, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin. Best Ch., Eco's Indian Lover II, red thy m, Mrs. E. Fouque. OS Nov., Baile Fan Jolly, red thy m, Mrs. Mertice Shriver. Best SH, Rockdene's Melanie, SP f, Mrs. John R. Pruett. OS SH, Cymri Mika Moto, SP m, Mrs. Lillian Pedulla. Best DSH, Duke of Cobourg, sil thy m, Mrs. Merald Hoag. OS DSH, Cherubino's Juno, BE Wh f, Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Bode. Best Manx, Ch. Mrs. Kelly of An-Si, blk f, Ann Bieneman. OS Aby, Selene's Ambara Davark, m, Mrs. Jessie Guerrero. Best Burmese, Re Ru Annie Oakley, f, Russell Middleton. OS Burmese, Re Ru Dynamic, m, Russell Middleton. Best Kit, An-Si's White Cloud, GE Wh LH m, Mrs. Richard Wilson. OS Kit, Bit of Honey, GE Wh DSH f, Mrs. John F. Donahae. Best Neuter, Bitney, David Smith. Best Spay, Green Lane Tee Dar of Beaver Hill, Mrs. Edgar Beaver.

LONG HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Betty Groell. Best Cat, Best Open, Dixiland Sir Gai of Normont, blue m, Mrs. Merald Hoag. OS Cat, OS Open, Normont's Cream Puff, cr f, Mrs. George Dickerson. Best Ch., Elco's Indian Lover II, red thy m, Mrs. E. Fouque. Best Nov., Nannie's Princess Pat, Tortie, Lillian Wolf. OS Nov., Cobana Sir Thomas Jacotte, red thy m, Mrs. E. Fouque. Best Kit, Castilia Adorable, blue f, Marcena Myers. OS Kit, Palatka Tanjo, smoke m, Adaline Gawthrop. Best Neuter, Baile Fan Silver Pride II, Mrs. Mertice Shriver.

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Ruth McNaughtan. Best Cat, Best Open, Hollycat Augustus of Green Lane, SP m, Mrs. Rex Naugle. OS Cat, Best Nov., Rockdene's Mistletoe, BP f, Mrs. John Pruett. Best Ch., Capercorn Trinket of Selene, Aby m, Mr. and Mrs. L. Schuler. Best DSH, Honey Boy of Rockville, GE Wh m, Mr. and Mrs. John Donahae. OS DSH, Cherubino's Juno, BE Wh f, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bode. Best Aby, Yindling Miss Mouse of Cymri, f, Mrs. Lillian Pedulla. OS Aby, Selene's Ambara Davark, m, Mrs. Jessie Guerrero. Best Burmese, Re Ru Annie Oakley, f, Russell Middleton. OS Burmese, Re Ru Dynamic, m, Russell Middleton. Best Manx, Ch. Mrs. Kelly of An-Si, blk f, Ann Bieneman. Best Kit, Bit of Honey, GE Wh DSH f, Mrs. John Donahae. OS Kit, Aray's Dennis, BP m, Mrs. Aline Walrath. Best Neuter, Inky Carr, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Carr. Best Spay, Green Lane's Tee Dar of Beaver Hill, Mrs. Edgar Beaver.

POINCIANA SHORTHAI CLUB (CFA)—1st Ch. Specialty Show, Miami, Florida, Oct. 3, 1954.

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Dr. C. Evans Sawyer. Best Cat, Best Nov., Chirn Sa Hai Rang, SP m, Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Ch., Chirn Sa Hai Zohagai, SP f, Mrs. O'Donovan. OS Ch., Best Aby—Chirn Sa Hai Ricki, m, Mrs. O'Donovan. OS Nov., Miamanx Betty Lou, blk manx f, Mrs. Margaret L. Newton. Best Manx—Ch. Dhio Leo Nonnezash, tortie, Mrs. S. L. Lovett. OS Manx—Ch. Floridanus Manrico, re dthy, Mrs. Maude Barney. OS Aby—Ch. Mao Qui Vive of Chirn Sa Hai, f, Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan. Best Burmese—Casa Catos Marajal Anawrahta, m, Mrs. T. A. Dobyns. Best DSH—Ch. Yolanda of Charniri, brn thy f, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Simms. OS DSH—Steve's Smoky, smoke m, Steve Tellechea. Best Kit—Dhu Leo Amygdalen, OE Wh Manx f, Mrs. S. L. Lovett. OS Kit—Chirn Sa Hai Blufax, BP m, Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan. Best Neuter—Tani Foo Dini, BP, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Goodman. Best Spay—Chirn Sa Hai Miss Tough, Aby f, Carolyn Jensen.

CANADIAN NATIONAL CAT CLUB (ACA) 48th International Cat Show, Toronto, Canada, Aug. 27-28, 1954.

ALL BREED—Judge, Mrs. Jess Lair. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best LH—Winn's Winners Snow Drift, GE Wh f, Mrs. W. L. Smith. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, OS LH, Best Open—Rob Mar's Dante, sil m, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin. OS Ch.—Danehurst Sherriff of Lynnae, cr m, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Spencer. Best Nov.—Angel Boy, blue m, Mrs. Hazel Hill. OS Nov.—White Cloud's Star of Heaven, BE Wh f, Mrs. Betty Groell. OS Open, OS SC—Rosemont Play Boy of Rob Mar, blue m, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin. Best T&T—Gay Boy of Floradora, red thy m, Mrs. Betty Groell. Best SH—Moonbeam of Shanling, BP f, Marjorie Elliott. OS SH—Saka-Da, SP m, Mrs. D. Wagner. Best DSH—Ch. Lady III, blk f, Mrs. Ethel M. Brown. OS DSH—Billy Blue, blue m, Mrs. M. Jones. Best Manx—Mrs. Kelly of An-Si, blk f, Ann Bieneman. OS Manx—Akanta's Mr. Quarternote of Far Fin, blk m, Farris and Fincel. Best Aby—Ch. Caper Cat Trinket of Selene, f, Mr. and Mrs. L. Schuler. OS Aby—Su Ryan Asy, Pasha, m, C. Rose. Best Burmese—Gerstale's Nogarra of Rosa Noma, f, Norma B. Walsh. OS Burmese, Su Ryan Burma Prince, m, Mr. and Mrs. A. Slaughter. Best Kit—Nicholas of Nestledown, blue m, Mrs. Walter Meyer. OS Kit—Sirhan Seiji, BP f, Mrs. M. E. Stewart.

LONG HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge—Miss Doris Hobbs. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best SC—Winn's Winners Snow Drift, GE Wh f, Mrs. W. L. Smith. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Novice—Angel Boy, blue m, Mrs. Hazel Hill. OS Ch.—Danehurst Sherriff of Lynnae, cr m, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Spencer. OS Nov.—Candy—Mrs. S. Delphinium of Morair, blue f, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Spencer. Best Silver—Rob Mar's Dante, sil m, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin. Best T & T—Ch. Elco's Rudolpho, red thy peke m, Mrs. Ella Conroy. Best Kit—White Cloud's Vienna Rose, GE Wh f, Mrs. Betty Groell. OS Kit—Nicholas of Nestledown, blue m, Mrs. Walter Meyer. Best Neuter—Ginny, red m, Mrs. H. Lee.

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge—Miss Doris Hobbs. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best LH—Dalai Jakki, SP m, Mrs. Virginia Daly. OS Cat, Best Manx, Best SC—Mrs. Kelly of An-Si, blk f, Ann Bieneman. OS Ch, Best Aby—Caper Cat Trinket of Selene, f, Mr. and Mrs. L. Schuler. Best Nov, OS Siamese—Laolan Chai Sai Matic, SP f, Violeta M. Klein. OS Nov.—Sam Ah Ling, CP m, Mr. and Mrs. A. Slaughter. Best Kit—Chota Li Ki-Ki, SP f, Mrs. E. Fields. OS Kit—Kalyan Tokas, SP m, Eleanor Hamling. OS Manx—Akanta's Mr. Quarternote of Far Fin, blk m, Mr. and Mrs. Fincel. OS Aby—Su Ryan Asy, Pasha, m, C. Rose. Best Burmese, OS SC—Su Ryan Burma Prince, m, Mr. and Mrs. A. Slaughter. OS Burmese—Gerstale's Nogarra of Rosa Noma, f, Norma B. Walsh. Best DSH, Best T&T—Glamour Girl of Cobourg, sil thy f, Miss S. Hinchcliffe and Mrs. W. Courtney. OS DSH—Billie Blue, blue m, Mrs. M. Jones. Best Neuter—Pinky.

THE CAT FANCIERS OF NEW ORLEANS (ACA) 5th Annual Ch. Show at New Orleans, La., Oct. 15-16-17, 1954.

ALL BREED—Judge—Mrs. Charles Kleim. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best LH, Best Sil—Flagstone's Play Girl, sh sil f, Mrs. Howell J. Mueller. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Open, Best SC—Charming White Cherub, odd E Wh m, Mrs. Joan Carter. OS Ch, Best T&T, OS SH, Best DSH—Griffin, sil thy m, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wellington. Best Nov.—Charming Prince, GE Wh f, Mrs. Joan Carter. OS Nov., Best Siamese, OS FSH—Chirn Sa Hai Wagekram, of the Farm, BP m, Miss Winifred Porter. OS Open—Longhill's Tres Chic of Flagstone, cr f, Mrs. H. J. Mueller. OS SC—Ch. Bentveld Rosemary of Flagstone, blue f, Mrs. Mueller. OS T&T—Charming Spangles, tortie, Mrs. Joan Carter. Best SH, Best Manx—Dhu Leo Pet O' Peel, brn thy f, Mrs. F. L. Lovett. OS Siamese—Star of the Palace, SP f, Mr. Billups P. Percy. OS DSH—Ch. Mao Starita Texian of Purple Sage, sil thy f, B. A. Lauder. OS Manx—Miamanx Ruddy, red thy m, Margaret L. Newton. Best Aby—Ch. Chirn Sa Hai Imp, m, Miss Winifred Porter. OS Ch, The Farm's Nigella Mimi, f, Miss Porter. Best Burmese—Re Ru Dynamic, m, Russell Middleton. OS Burmese—Ch. Dobyn's Boki Tyf, f, Mrs. T. A. Dobyns. Best Kit—Flagstone's Cutest Miss, bl cr f, Mrs. H. J. Mueller. OS Kit—Foo Yung, SP m, Mr. Hugh Ross. Best Neuter—Admiration of Bluelace, blue, Miss Jane C. Bright. Best Spay—The Farm's Tosca, BP, Mrs. Richard Shedden.

LONG HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge—Mrs. T. J. McNaughtan. Best Cat, Best Open, Best SC—Flagstone's Dennis, cr m, Mrs. H. J. Mueller. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Ch, Best Silver—Flagstone's Play Girl, sh sil f, Mrs. Mueller. OS Ch.—Red Oak Victory Boi, red m, Mrs. Augusta Dixon. Best Nov.—Flagstone's Jody, sh sil m, Mrs. H. J. Mueller. OS Nov.—Silver Moth Suki of Palatka, cr f, Adaline H. Gawthrop. OS Open, OS T&T—Charming Spangles, tortie f, Mrs. Joan Carter. Best T&T—Charming Prince, GE Wh f, Mrs. Harry Gummel. OS Silver—Bonnie Wee Lac of Flagstone, sh sil m, Mrs. H. J. Mueller. Best Kit—Palatka Tanjo, smoke m, Adaline Gawthrop. OS Kit—Silver Girl, sil f, Mrs. Augusta Dixon. Best Neuter—Admiration of Bluelace, blue, Miss Jane C. Bright.

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge—Mrs. T. J. McNaughtan. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best DSH—Mao Starita Texian of Purple Sage, sil thy f, B. A. Lauder. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Nov, Best FSH, Best Aby—Ta Lee Ho's Suni of Re Ru, m, Russell Middleton. OS Ch, OS DSH—Griffin, sil thy m, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Wellington. OS DSH—Cuthpa Nuzana, SP m, Mr. Price Cross. Best Open, OS Manx—Dhu Leo Pet O' Peel, f, Mrs. F. L. Lovett. OS Open, OS SC, OS Burmese—Re Ru Dynamic, m, Russell Middleton. Best SC, OS FSH, Best Burmese—Ch. Dobyn's Boki Tyf, f, Mrs. T. A. Dobyns. Best Siamese—The Farm's Martin's Onion, SP m, Miss Winifred Porter. OS Siamese—Ch. Inwood Shooting Star of Dobyns, SP f, Mrs. T. A. Dobyns. Best Manx—Ch. Cartha's Pot O' Gold, red thy m, Miss Winifred Porter. OS Aby—Ta Lee Ho's Tere of Re Ru, f, Russell Middleton. Best Kit—Squaker, CP f, S. L. Sterling Jr. OS Kit—Fu San, SP m, Annette McDade. Best Neuter—Chocasee of Lei, CP, S. L. Sterling Jr. Best Spay—The Farm's Tosca, BP, Mrs. Richard Shedden.

REDWOOD CAT FANCIERS (CFA), Eureka, Calif., Oct. 16-17, 1954.

ALL BREED—Judge—Mrs. Marguerita Golorth. Best Cat, Best Ch., Best LH, Best Silver—Kerry Lu Ramon of Casa Contenta, chin m, Mrs. Helen Van Zele. OS Cat, OS Ch, Best SH—HRH Marin Princess Always, SP f, Mrs. Spencer Smiley. Best Nov.—Flagstone's Gay of Shanna Groith, BE Wh f, Mrs. Colleen Aslyn. OS Nov.—Frostland's His Royal Shyness B, BP m, Antoinette Sexton. Best SC—Ch. Burque Lee's Creme de le Creme, cr m, Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Whitney. OS SC—Montpellier Floffe Adore, OE Wh f, Mr. and Mrs. E. Montpellier. OS Silver—Casa Contenta Easter Doll, chin f, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Hoyte. OS SH, T&T—Driftwood Patsy, Tortie, Mr. and Mrs. Nestor Barrett. Best Manx—Manxland Fenella, blk f, Mrs. Helen O'Toole. Best DSH—Reene's Zaca of Kiva, sil thy m, Mrs. Ada May Miles. OS DSH—Ch. Billig's Bon Bon of Old Oaks, OE Wh f, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Graham. Best Kit—Pearl Harbor Montpellier Yank, blue m, Mr. and Mrs. E. Montpellier. OS Kit—Sha-Lin's Princess Ping Thai, SP f, Miriam Williams. Best

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SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY: Judge—Mrs. Isabel Meader. Best Cat, Best Open, Best Sia—Tempurra's Yours Truly, BP m, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Birkett. OS Cat, OS Open, OS Sia—Dark Gauntlets Demure, SP f, Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Manley. Best Ch.—HRH Marin Princess Always, SP f, Mrs. Spencer Smiley. OS Ch.—Sha-Lin's Pra Ping Ti, SP m, Miriam Williams. Best Nov.—HRH Marin Serene Highness, SP m, Mrs. Spencer Smiley. OS Nov. Best Aby—Ta Lee Ho's Zara of Kiva, f, Mrs. Ada May Miles. Best DSH—Ch. Lunar's Tabithan, brn tby m, Mrs. Ralph McDonald. OS DSH—Ch. Billie's Bon Bon of Old Oaks, OS Wh f, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Graham. Best Manx—Manxland Fenella, blk f, Mrs. Helen O'Toole. OS Manx—Manxland Finlo, blk m, Dolores Dana. Best Kit—Sha-Lin's Princess Ping Thai, SP f, Miriam Williams. OS Kit—Tempurra's Star Fire, BP m, Mrs. R. H. Barnes. Best Burmese—Ch. Regal Mocha of HRH Marin, f, Mrs. Spencer Smiley. OS Burmese—Re Ru Dandy Dick of Frostland, m, Antoinette Sexton. Best Neuter—Frostland HRH Blue Phantom, BP, Master James Dake. Best Spay—Mehitabel, SP, Henrietta Chizzola.

GENESEE CAT FANCIERS (CFA)—5th Annual Ch. Show, Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 16-17, 1954.

ALL BREED: Judge—Mr. Anthony De Santis. Best Cat, Best LH, Best Open, Best SC—Dixiland Sir Gai of Normont, blue m, Mrs. Merald Hoag. OS Cat, OS LH, OS Open, OS SC—Longhill's Laurehe, blue f, Caryl and Marion Ripley. Best Ch., Best SH—Chi Charoen Pada, SP f, Gladise M. German. OS Ch.—Madeira Progress, blue m, Mrs. A. I. Madeira. Best Nov.—Rockdene's Tanee, BP f, Mrs. John R. Pruett. OS Nov.—Kalyan Tokar, SP m, Eleanore Hamling. Best Silver—Playtime's Dolice, sh sil f, Mrs. Reid M. Copeland. OS Silver—Playtime's Duke, sh sil, m, Mrs. Elsie Malcho. OS Ch.—Vanar's Ptolison, BP m, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Van Riper. Best DSH—Ch. My Honey Boy of Rockville, OE Wh m, Mr. and Mrs. John Donahue. OS DSH—Ch. Vanar's Melody, blue f, Best Kit—Chi Charoen Hu-Shih, SP f, Gladise M. German. OS Kit—Wimauma Timothy, blue m, Karen Hills. Best Manx—Mrs. Kelly of An-Si, blk f, Ann Bieneman. Best Aby—Su Ryan Aly Pasha, m, C. Rose. OS Aby—Selene's Lise, f, Miss Bonita Grauer. Best Neuter—Ven Valiant, SP m, Mrs. Valeska Klitgord.

SOLID COLOR SPECIALTY: Judge—Mrs. Walter Limpert. Best Cat, Best Ch.—Nigrette Azurea of Normont, blue f, Mrs. Merald Hoag. OS Cat—Dixiland Sir Gai of Normont, blue m, Mrs. Hoag. OS Ch.—Madeira Progress, blue m, Mrs. A. I. Madeira. Best Nov.—Madeira Pride, blue m, Mrs. Madeira. OS Nov.—Ches Moumnette Golden Trinket, cr f, Elaine M. Chason. Best Kit—Wimauma Pearl's Pride, blue f, Karen Hills. OS Kit—Wimauma Timothy, blue m, Karen Hills. Best Neuter—Fluffy, OE Wh, Mrs. J. Wacenske.

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY: Judge—Mrs. Limpert. Best Cat, Best Ch.—Chi Charoen Pada, SP f, Mrs. Gladise M. German. OS Cat, OS Ch.—Vanar's Sir Echo of Bamby, BP m, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Van Riper. Best Nov.—Kalyan Akeeta, SP f, Mr. and Mrs. A. Slaughter and Sandra Slaughter. OS Nov.—Wu Tsinetto, SP m, Lillian King. Best DSH—Ch. My Duke of Cobourg, sil tby m, Mrs. Merald Hoag. OS DSH—Ch. Vanar's Melody, blue f, Best Kit—Chi Charoen Hushih, SP f, Mrs. Gladise German. OS Kit—Kalyan Fan-Ta-Si, BP m, Eleanore Hamling. Best Aby—Ch. Caper Cat Trinket of Selene, f, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schuler. OS Aby—Selene's Jodi, m, Mrs. Florence Johnson. Best Neuter—Ven Valiant, SP, Mrs. Valeska Klitgord. Best Spay, Su Lin, SP, Miss Bonita Grauer.

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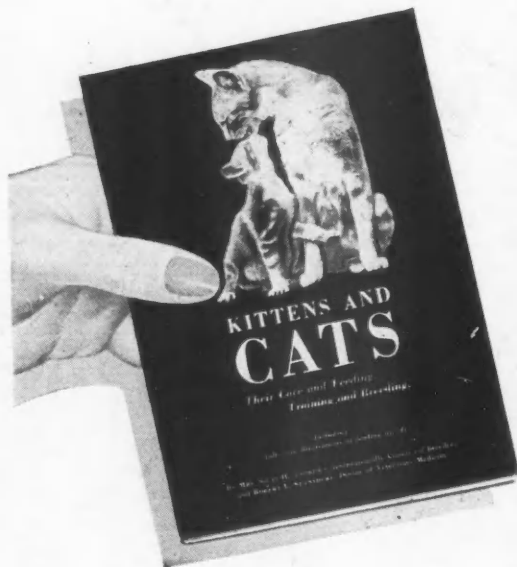
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